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# First Hawaiian **Bank accounts**

- » Unauthorized withdrawals made in hundreds of accounts
- >>> Withdrawals ranged from \$100 to \$30K

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

orried and irate account holders of First Hawaiian Bank lined up at their branches in Oleai and Gualo Rai as news of compromised accounts spread through word of mouth and social media yesterday.



See **HACKED** on Page 1 Accounts from First Hawaiian Bank were hacked as unauthorized withdrawals from countries in Southeast Asia including Thailand were made throughout yesterday. No exact amount of losses and number of affected customers were given by FHB yet.

First Hawaiian Bank customers form a long line at its Gualo Rai branch as all are eager to check if their accounts were hacked or not. Some even withdrew most of the money in their accounts.

### FBI vows to arrest FHB hackers

REPORTER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday vowed to arrest the defrauders behind the hacking of several First Hawaiian Bank customers' accounts on Saipan, causing many, even from other banks, to withdraw their money.

FBI special agent Tom Simon told Saipan Tribune that they are aware of the fraudulent

theft from Saipan bank accounts and that they are investigating.

"We will be working with banks to quantify the losses, advocate for victims, and bring the defrauders to justice," said Simon, who is also FBI's spokesman.

He advised bank customers to review their recent account histories and notify the bank if money is missing.

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### Brown tree snake sighted in Lower Base

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Another sighting of a brown tree snake on Saipan occurred, according to the Department of Lands and in four months this year. Natural Resources-Division of Fish and Wildlife.

fourth sighting of a brown tree snake of the Lower Base industrial area.

Unlike previous sightings that occurred in Dandan, DFW said a brown DLNR-DFW said this has been the tree snake was sighted in the vicinity

As a result, the U.S. Geological Survey Brown Tree Snake Rapid Response Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DLNR-DFW are once again collaborating to conduct night searches, cut search transects, and set rived on Saipan yesterday and immeand check snake traps.

"The sighting occurred on April 1st," USGS rapid response team coordinator Adam Knox told Saipan Tribune.

Knox and his team from Guam ar-

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Three students from Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School will leave on Thursday to compete in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Chal-

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What's not to like about cruising the highway in a comfortable, stylish sedan, quietly doing 70 mph yet taking forever to burn a single gallon of gas?

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### Local

## Govt officials still insist on appeal to gun ruling

By DENNIS B. CHAN dennis\_chan@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wants to appeal or stay the U.S. District Court for the NMI ruling to strike down parts of Commonwealth gun law, allowing for handguns in the NMI.

"I'll be meeting this week to prioritize our course of action. But I do believe that we need to have some sort of an appeal, or contest, or stay or something on that matter. I would like to take that course to have an appeal or stay so we are looking into our options," Torres said last week.

At the same time, Rep. Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan) has introduced a resolution to urge the governor and the attorney general to appeal U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona's widely unpopular ruling last week.

CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan, though, has said the CNMI's success of appeal is "almost nothing at all," based on previous Superior Court rulings striking down a ban on handguns.

Sablan described his resolution as "one final push" that the people they represent "demand and deserve with an issue of this magnitude" that puts "handguns on our streets and putting handguns in the hands of irresponsible gun owners."

This is almost like seeking a second opinion on medical diagnosis. There is no harm in that," Sablan said. "I feel

that the issue is so great that we need to have the comfort that we have taken it up to the highest court, highest power of interpretation to see if that is the case and if this is the final ruling.

"And if it is," he said. "And the appeal goes through and ruling stays. Then so be it. We are comforted. We know we tried and we didn't give up on our citizens.

But if we just say it is just 'a waste of time," Sablan said, quoting an earlier comment from Manibusan, "we are giving up on our community."

"If [Manibusan is] worried about the cost...we come in here [the Legislature] and we figure out how to fund it. But the cost of an appeal and the cost of the possibilities if we have handguns in our society, there's just no match. I quite frankly don't care how much it is going to cost us to appeal this issue.'

Sablan believes the NMI government is not depriving its citizens of the rights under the Second Amendment, or the right to bear arms, because they have the right to bear .22 caliber or a .410 shotgun.

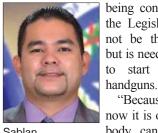
"[The] framers of our constitution just said no to handguns. If you look at this in general, are we depriving ourselves of that Second Amendment? We are not. I hope we get the decision of the Ninth Circuit."

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, for his part, is

also concerned with threat of guns

"The threat greater now because handguns can be concealed and of course, we don't have a choice. This is a constitutional is- Sablan sue," Guerrero told Saipan Tribune.

Guerrero acknowledged that the gun control legislation



body can come in and register a handgun," he said.

"Because

being considered by

the Legislature may

not be the greatest

but is needed at least

to start regulating

now it is open. Any-

right

According to the ruling, Guerrero said, permanent residents, which include green thing that is struck out was that card holders, can apply for handguns as well.

"It's an open market right now. Sad to say and that's why the administration and the Legislature are pushing to get a statute in place to regulate it, to tell us what kind of guns can be registered, what's the waiting period. Because are our old laws are still active based on the ruling, the only

handguns couldn't be register. Now it can."

But it didn't set the guidelines as far as what kind of handguns can be registered. "That's what it is. It's open. That's why this legislation is crucial to law enforcement especially.'

Senate Bill 19-94, the AGdrafted gun control laws, will be considered by the House in their session today.

#### **TO SECURE RETIREES' PENSION PAYMENTS:**

### House eyes e-gaming zones in Garapan

By DENNIS B. CHAN

Rep. Lorenzo Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) has introduced a bill allowing for e-gaming activities in the Garapan area. House Bill 19-150 aims to provide a "significant and permanent" source of funding for retirees' 25 percent pension payments.

"Currently, there's only three [e-gaming] licenses that have been issued," Guerrero said in an interview. "I felt that we could expand it so we could generate more revenues."

A total of 10 e-gaming facilities are authorized on Saipan.

By opening up specific areas of Garapan to e-gaming, the bill aims to "allow egaming at the levels that were originally intended" when 10 licenses were authorized.

Guerrero has set a license fee for electronic gaming games in the designated Garapan area at \$6,000 per machine, or 15 percent of net gaming proceeds, whichever is greater.

That was the fee required but in previous legislation it was reduced," Guerrero said of this fee.

'When the late Gov. [Eloy] Inos noticed that the \$2,500 he thought that was a little bit small and he recommended that we increase it 100 percent. And so we did. More than 100 percent," Guerrero said.

"In essence, if we add five additional licensees, we are looking at projecting to collect an additional \$4 million per year."

Guerrero sets up conditions for licensees which, among others, require e-gaming establishments to dedicate and commit a minimum of 4,000 square feet strictly for e-gam-

machines or electronic table ing devices, and operate no less than 30 but no more than 250 e-gaming machines per location.

> Guerrero acknowledged that there are "quite a few" interests in opening e-gaming activities in the core zone and in the tourist district, confirming that he has met with some of them.

#### **E-gaming area**

E-gaming activities are only allowed on Saipan in the enclosed area of a hotel or resort but Guerrero's bill allows egaming in facilities within the "Garapan Core Zone," which through the bill will be extended to certain portions of the Garapan Tourist Resort Zone, due south of the core zone and both the west and east sides of Beach Road.

This area will be known as the "extended Garapan core zone" located within the corner of Garapan Street/Rte. 308 and Beach Road/Rte.30 at the southeast corner (to set the board and the areas extending north toward the Garapan Core Zone); the corner of Orchid Street/Rte. 319 and Coral Tree Avenue at the northwest corner (Fiesta Resort and Spa) extending to the Garapan Core Zone and extending south to the southern corners define; and all points west/seaward to the high water mark and extending north to the border of Garapan Core Zone and both the west and east side of Beach Road within this specific area.

"These particular locations are zones for this particular activity," said Guerrero. "So there is no negative impact on the location...It's all tourist locations. It also provides night entertainment for tourists. And that's what [the Marianas Visitors Authority] had surveyed and most of the tourists said we are lacking night entertainment for our tourists."

"So basically it is a revenue generating bill, it will increase our annual budget, and the government is in the bind of deficit and that will eventually help out the administration," Guerrero said.

#### **Bipartisan support**

The House minority bloc has signed on to sponsor the bill, with some majority bloc support in Reps. Edwin P. Aldan (Ind-Tinian), Glenn L. Maratita (Ind-Rota), and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

Aldan, for his part, says the bill will "legitimize that we can make the funds to take care of the 25 percent [pensions] once and for all."

Aldan hopes that the CNMI government and the CNMI Settlement Fund trustee Joyce Tang goes back to court and resolve the payment issue.

Instead of a 75 percent and 25 percent pension split, Aldan said, of which the former is mandated to be paid out of the annual local budget and the 25 percent by the administration, Aldan hopes that the government take the portion of revenue projected by the proposed and put it together with funds set by the Saipan casino law for the three senatorial district "and pay off this thing at 100 percent."

"The government is saying that when they settled with the Settlement Fund that they can only afford the 75 percent pension. Now we are short by \$1.8, which was the third senatorial district's [pensions]," Aldan said.

"If they take that [from the] third senatorial district, which will be taking a major chunk of this legislation, it will take care after all the 100 percent of whatever is the 25 percent" pension amount.

"Why are we not admitting that we do have the funding to take care of it 100 percent? We don't have to wait for Saipan delegation, the Rota delegation [to find money for retirees]. Let's take this whole money and lump it in there so we can secure our pensioners."



LIBDAY LAYOUT

Liberation Day Committee logistics chair and Saipan Mayor's Office safety officer Mac Chargualaf, left, shows to the committee members the proposed layout of the 2016 Liberation Day carnival. The LibDay Committee said it will also accommodate Thursday Night Market vendors when the festival grounds open on June 10, 2016.

## House to entertain gun bill in session today

By DENNIS B. CHAN

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The House of Representatives is set to act today on a sweeping gun control legislation offered in the wake of the U.S. District Court for the NMI's ruling that effectively lifted the handgun ban in the CNMI last week.

The Senate passed the gun control proposal, drafted by the CNMI Attorney General's office, last week.

Senate Bill 19-94 was not acted on in the House ses-

sion yesterday but members recessed their session to 9:30am today in order to act on the bill, after clearing their bill calendar yesterday morning.

The House heard from several concerned community members and government officials yesterday on the proposed gun measure.

Among them was Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero, who called it an "open market" with handguns now legal in the NMI.

The identification card

bears the possessor's name,

sex, weight, height, and date

age or older, according to

of birth in-

dicating that

the possessor

is 21 years of

## DPS, ABTC hold joint operation on sale of alcoholic beverages to minors

stores on Saipan

Barcinas.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

Joint op-

erations conducted by the De-

derage person.

partment of Public Safety and the Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Control Division at 10 different stores on Saipan last week led to the arrest of 10 people allegedly selling alcoholic beverages to an un-

Of the 10 arrested, the Office of the Attorney General as of yesterday charged six persons—Shun Jin Jin, Xiao Ying Li, Emma Fernandez, Tiang Rang Sablan, Eun Y. Hong, and Kuma Xiong Lee.

The six each posted \$1,000 cash bail. At yesterday's arraignment, the six defendants pleaded not guilty.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho appointed the Office of Public Defender as counsel for the six defendants. Assistant attorney general Heather P. Barcinas appeared for the government.

The OAG is expected to file charges any time this week against the remaining four persons.

The OAG charged each of the six defendants with one count of selling alcohol to an underage person and without an identification card.

According to separate information filed by Barcinas yesterday, except Fernandez, the unlawful selling of alcoholic beverages happened last March 28. Fernandez allegedly made the unlawful selling last March 29.

The six defendants allegedly unlawfully sold alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21. They allegedly sold the alcoholic beverages to the person who was not in the immediate possession of an official identification card issued by the government of the municipality in which he/she resides.

Guerrero disclosed that three applications for guns have already been turned into his department as of last Friday.

Barring problems with background checks, the department must issue these gun permits once this process is completed.

"I need something to stand on," said Guerrero. "We need something to guide us" and meet officers' needs when they go out on the streets, he said.

"I need something to stand on...to regulate what kind of firearms we can" and cannot permit, he said.

Probation officer Oscar C. Torres, for his part, said the Office of Attorney General has been studying this proposed measure since the lawsuit to repeal the gun law began two years ago.

"We don't have to have a perfect bill in place right now," Torres said. "There is no guidance, no regulations in place."

Torres said he is a retired U.S.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

House Speaker Rafael Demapan (R-Saipan) presides over a session yesterday. The House of Representatives is expected to act on a bill that proposes restriction on handgun ownership after the Ninth Circuit Court last week shot down the CNMI's Weapons Control Act.

Marine and has had 25 years experience with weapons.

"This is one thing that is very scary," he said. Absent regulations, "We are a lawless society out there. [The AG bill] is the safety net," he said.

Torres emphasized there are handguns in the community as

well as sub-machine guns in the community "right now."

"It's scary out there...We are dealing with criminals out there."





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amounts were Varying withdrawn from accounts ranging from \$100 to thousands of dollars, even as high as \$30,000 according to customers. Some experienced single transactions while others had multiple withdrawals from their accounts.

In her bank records, one customer noted an unauthorized transaction with the description "network withdrawal Thai Farmers" which was still processing and was only carried out yesterday.

Another FHB customer from San Vicente checked her account online and saw three transactions totaling to about \$500.

"They told me they're going to cancel my card, send a new one and that their supervisor will call me back," the customer said after calling the customer service in Hawaii

She said they didn't tell her if she's going to get her money back and added that her brother's account also lost the same amount.

The customer said it was a huge inconvenience and since her card was cancelled already, she can't withdraw the rest of her money.

"Of course it is an incon-

my car loan, to pay for my bills," the customer said.

Margie Alejandro of San Antonio lined up at FHB's Chalan Laulau branch for two hours yesterday to check on her account.

"The teller said I am one of the victims. It's not a lot, but it's still money," Alejandro said, "They told me to file for a dispute or contact their customer service."

Alejandro wasn't advised on when her money will be returned.

Nadia Weilbacher Benjamin found out about her account being compromised when she was withdrawing that morning.

"I was really swiping away at the stores then went to withdraw. When I saw a negative balance, I freaked out," Benjamin said, "Thank goodness I paid my car and bills last week! All that I had left was \$160 and it's gone!"

#### Savings accounts also compromised, ongoing hacking

While most of the unauthorized transactions occurred in checking accounts, it seems that some savings accounts were compromised as well.

Marie Gallardo of Garapan lost almost \$500 in her savings account from an in-

venience. I have to pay for ternational transaction that was made yesterday. She said FHB has blocked her account.

Unauthorized transactions went on withdrawing money from customers' accounts until yesterday afternoon.

There are also those who, although were not victimized, opted to close their accounts at FHB. One of them is Trench Tech promoter Cuki Alvarez.

"As soon as I heard, I closed my accounts," Alva-

Saipan Tribune tried to reach out to FHB for more information on the hacking, but it has yet to reply to in-

In a statement, FHB said that they are trying to minimize the impact and reminded their customers to review their transactions.

"We want to assure our customers that we are aware of the situation in Saipan and are working actively to minimize impact. Customers will not be liable for any fraudulent activity on their accounts," FHB said.

"We ask that customers review recent transactions. If they suspect fraudulent activity, please call the phone number on the back of the card," it added.

Other banks

While several social media posts circulated that Bank of Guam also experienced the same problem, it is not clear if there are indeed accounts that were compromised.

In a vague statement, BOG said they are aware of the social media posts and assures customers that they will not be liable for unauthorized transactions made.

"Bank of Guam is aware of social media messages identifying fraudulent transactions on Saipan. We would like to assure our customers that they will not be liable for unauthorized transactions on their accounts," BOG said.

"Bank of Guam would also like to take this opportunity to remind customers to monitor their accounts regularly and notify the Bank immediately if they find any unauthorized activity. Our customers can check their accounts via our IFIT online, mobile and voice services, at any of our ATM and Branch locations or by calling us 24/7 at (671) 472-5300," it added.

Several Bank of Hawaii customers have also gone to their office in Middle Road to check on their accounts but it was not clear if there were unauthorized transactions.

No official statement was issued by Bank of Hawaii and no replies were made to inquiries as of press time.

#### **Looking into the matter**

The CNMI local government said it has notified authorities to look into the matter.

"We are noticing an uptick on social media about unauthorized withdrawals from customers' bank accounts by hackers or a hacker in Southeast Asia. While we do not have detailed information at the moment, we have notified our local authorities to look into this matter most urgently," CNMI Joint Information Center said in a Facebook post.

According to CNMI Banking director and Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman they are gathering information regarding the in-

"We hope that the different institutions will be able to give us information before the close of business today," Rabauliman told Saipan Tribune vesterday.

"We're reaching out so that we can get the facts to be able to respond accordingly. I believe that we need to give opportunity to our banking institutions to try and contain it plus give us the facts," he added.

Rabauliman asked for the public's patience and understanding.

"For the public at large, we

ask everybody to stay calm and let the necessary protocol to take its place," Rabauliman said.

"Most of our banks here in the CNMI are FDIC insured so I'm hoping that people don't run into a panic or start panicking," he added.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, its insurance covers all deposit accounts, including checking and savings accounts, money market deposit accounts and certificates of deposit.

The standard insurance amount is \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership cat-

#### FBI

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Simon said the FBI will get the needed evidence directly from the bank in furtherance of the investigation.

Based on Saipan Tribune's interview with some affected customers, the "network withdrawals" allegedly happened in Thailand, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, and other countries.

Saipan Tribune learned that several employees at the CNMI Judiciary were surprised upon learning of unauthorized withdrawals from their FHB accounts in the amounts of \$300 to \$1,000.

Nora V. Borja said she found out that she had unauthorized charges from her account for hotel and restaurant expenses.

Borja said upon being notified about the unauthorized transactions, the bank then closed her ATM card and will issue a new card that may take two to three weeks.

She said the fraud has been causing so much inconvenience.

Michelle Guerrero said she learned yesterday morning that she has unauthorized charges of \$450 so she called the bank.

Guerrero said the bank stated it will block the account and will call her today, Tuesday.

A foreign worker checked her account at FHB branch in Chalan Laulau and was shocked seeing only \$12 left in her account.

"We need the money. Our car is overheating," the teary-eyed worker said.

Miguel Naputi, 18, student, was among the many people who lined up before FHB ATM machines in Chalan Laulau.

Naputi said he still has his money, but still he withdrew most of his savings. He said, however, his mother, who was with him, lost her

Rudy Francisco, 56, a construction worker, said only \$12 was left from his ac-

A Japanese national, who was among the many people who trooped to FHB in Gualo Rai, said he lost \$2,000.

Antonio Yarobwemal, a staff at the Commonwealth Health Center, said he learned about the hacking through Facebook so he immediately proceeded to FHB in Gualo Rai.

Yarobwemal said his account was not hacked but just the same, he withdrew most of his money.

He asked the bank to block his account and this would take him an hour and a half to complete the process because of the long line.

"It's scary!" the CHC staff said.

#### SNAKE

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diately went to search mode last night. DLNR-DFW staff from Tinian and Rota are also on island to assist in this effort.

DLNR-DFW said snake searchers wearing safety vests will be carefully searching the densely vegetated area from around 6pm to 11pm nightly for the next several weeks,

A trained snake-searching dog will also assist in certain areas.

"The team is asking the general public, especially land owners and businesses, for their assistance and cooperation to allow the BTS Rapid Response Team access to their premises to conduct searches and set and check traps," DLNR-DFW said.

They also reminded the

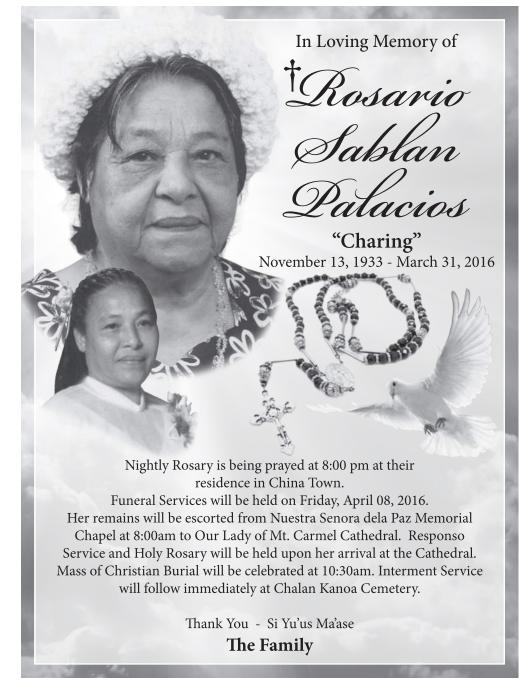
public to not be alarmed if they see people with headlamps or flashlights walking around the vicinity of Lower Base.

After the first two sightings that occurred last January, two phases of searches were done in Dandan near the airport until February. The teams were unsuccessful in catching any snake and went to survey mode.

DLNR-DFW is also reminding the public to immediately kill a snake once they see it if they are able, otherwise, take a photo of it and call the snake hotline at 28-SNAKE (287-6253).

"Your cooperation and support is very much appreciated," DLNR-DFW said.

For questions, the public may reach out to USFWS Brown Tree Snake coordinator Sylvan Igisomar at 664-6014 or DFW director Manny Pangelinan at 664-6000.



# SDA students off to robotics league

By JON PEREZ

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Three students from Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School will leave on Thursday to compete in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge in Walla Walla, Washington. The event is set for April 10 at the Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place.

The Adventist Robotics League and Walla Walla University's Edward F. Cross School of Engineering is sponsoring the event in cooperation with the First Lego League and the Junior FLL.

Sixth grader Rannon Palacios and fifth graders Sion Park and Miles Timmons are the students traveling to Washington. Other members of the team, coached by Kindergarten teacher Melanie Strout, are Cory Lee and Harvey Zhang.

The annual robotics challenge gathers all Adventist schools in North America and the CNMI is part of the region. The Saipan SDA team will be competing against other students from fourth to eighth grades.

Strout said the team is expecting a lot of challenges especially since this would be their first time to compete. She has previously coached another Adventist-run school in Alaska that won the ARL nationals.

"They will be up against Big City kids, those who are from the rural areas. It is totally a different mindset there in the North Pacific. Hopefully, we could place in any of the several areas to be invited to the nationals," added Strout.

She said that every year organizers have different topics and for this year it's about trash and debris, where the students will also be making a presentation on their research of turning waste to energy. The presentation is also part of the judging.

"There are two parts of judging, in the morning they will answer questions from three judges about their robot design. In the afternoon, there's a field where their robot will try to accomplish certain missions."

The mission is all about recycling, the reuse and reduction of trash. Teams earn points in completing each mission and get deductions for failing to accomplish it.

Strout said that the competition helps students' analytical thinking as they learn to appreciate engineering, science, technology, and mathematics.

"I'm just here to guide them, they do all the work and analyze the problems if ever their robots does not work or does not function properly," said Strout, who added that

"They will be up against Timmons is interested in engineering."

The team will head to Guam where they will take a flight to Honolulu and then to Seattle. They will stay for a few days in Seattle where they will visit some educational spots before driving to Walla Walla.

The ARL was formed in 2002 to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to students.



JON PEREZ

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School students, from left, Sion Park, Miles Timmons, Rannon Palacios, Cory Lee, and Harvey Zhang work on the robot that they are going to enter in the 10th Annual North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge in Walla Walla, Washington.

## April is also National Oral Cancer Awareness Month

By FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON frauleine\_villanueva@saipantribune.com

Betel nut has been found as the leading cause of oral cancer in the CNMI.

In a proclamation signed Wednesday by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog declaring April as National Oral Cancer Awareness Month, it stated that betel nut with tobacco and other additives has been the main cause for oral cancer in the commonwealth.

It added that approximately 42,000 individuals are newly diagnosed with oral cancer each year in the U.S. alone. Unfortunately, the majority are found as late stage cancers, which accounts for the very high death rate.

However, the good news is that "a dentist or doctor can see or feel precancerous tissues changes or an early cancer, finding it at the most curable stages."

"The early detection of oral cancer and prevention of the disease through regular oral cancer screenings and increased awareness through early detection practices can save lives," the proclamation added.

To combat this cancer, dental clinics in the CNMI are working together to save lives by providing free oral cancer screening this month.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association in partnership with the Seventh Day Adventist Clinic, the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation-Division of Public Health Service, CHCC Dental Clinic, Dental Care Clinic, New Wave Clinic, Smile Marianas Clinic, Paradise Dental & Cosmetic Center and ToothWorks Clinic are offering free screening for oral cancer for all ages.

"We encourage everyone in the CNMI to take advantage of the free screening and to educate yourself and your loved ones about oral cancer," the proclamation said.

"We commend and urge this observance to all of our citizens, so that together we can fight oral cancer and save lives every day," Torres said.



#### Igisomar wants to limit Senate terms to two consecutive terms **Energy conservation** awareness event

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) has pre-filed a legislative initiative on Friday to limit the number of terms of a senator to two consecutive terms through an amendment to the NMI Constitution.

"Serving as a member of the CNMI Legislature must be carried out with the understanding that person seeking such office are doing so to address the pressing matters of the CNMI rather than as a means of career employment," somar writes.

The initiative says that limiting a sena-



Igisomar

terms will ensure that senators are diligent in their efforts to address the issues of the CNMI and provide an opportunity for others to seek elective office in the Senate.

"This initiative,

portunities for the younger generations to serve in the Senate with new fresh ideas," writes Igisomar.

The proposal does not bar a senator from running again after serving two consecutive terms.

The proposal only restricts a member from serving a third or more terms consecutively.

The initiative seeks to amend Article II of the NMI Constitution

this April 23

The Department of Public

Works/Energy Division Office,

in collaboration with other gov-

ernment agencies and private

sector companies, will be host-

ing the 2016 Saipan Energy

Conservation Awareness Cam-

paign on April 23, 2016. There will be two sessions (morning

and afternoon) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center

The schedule of events is as

■ 1st session—from 9am to

■ 2nd session—from 2pm

The event will provide the

residential community tips

on how to conserve energy at

home, how to save money us-

ing energy efficient products

that carry the Energy Star label and educate the com-

munity on the importance of

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#### tor's term to two consecutive if passed, will provide opoman, boyfriend arrested for P VC pipe, lumber fight

A woman called the police after her boyfriend allegedly struck her knees with a PVC pipe at his residence in San Antonio last week. She, however, also ended up being arrested after the boyfriend complained that she first hit him on the buttocks with a piece of lumber.

Hari N. Talukdar, 48, and Lilia Pino Lizama, 50, were both arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Thursday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed \$6,500 cash bail on Talukdar and \$6,250 cash bail on Lizama.

The court will appoint a private counsel for Talukdar, while assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Lizama.

Police Detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a police officer responded to a residence in San Antonio at 10:23pm last Tuesday, March 29, after Lizama reported a domestic violence.

Kintoki said when the officer arrived, Lizama was crying and holding her left knee with her hands.

Lizama then told the officer that her boyfriend, Talukdar, chased her with a PVC pipe and hit her on the knees with it.

Talukdar admitted to the officer that he hit Lizama because she kept on bothering him when she came home late at night after going to Best Sunshine Live, a casino in Garapan.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Talukdar was sleeping at his house when Lizama arrived at 10:20pm and kept on banging on the door to wake him up.

Talukdar alleged that Lizama splashed water on his feet with a plastic scoop, then struck the right side of his buttocks with a 2X4 lumber. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### Cyclone Winston survey sets new baseline for damage data

SUVA, Fiji—Coastal hazard experts from the Pacific Community have surveyed wind and wave damage from tropical cyclone Winston in more than 40 communities across the provinces of Bua, Cakaudrove, and Lomaiviti in Fiji last week, producing detailed data that will have immediate and long-term benefits for Fiji and the region.

As part of SPC's assistance to the Government of Fiji following the devastating category 5 cyclone, two teams of oceanographers and damage assessment specialists designed and carried out simultaneous surveys, covering roughly 250 km of coastline over five days.

Planned in collaboration with Fiji's National Disaster

Management Office (NDMO) and Mineral Resource Department and with support from the World Bank, the surveys assessed building damage, the status of water and sanitation, and the extent of coastal inundation on the island of Ovalau and the southern coast of Vanua Levu.

In Ovalau, the highest recorded wave run-up was more than seven metres high at the Ovalau Holiday Resort—almost as tall as a three-story building.

The worst affected areas of Vanua Levu were in the Kubulau District of Bua and along the coast from Savusavu to Naweni, where the wave runup reached five metres in the village of Nukubalavu, and the maximum inundation extent recorded was 183 metres inland in Tacilevu Village.

TIME: 9:00 AM

/S/ STANLEY T. IAKOPO

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO

Managing Director

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: April 11, 2016

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA

Closing Date: April 8, 2016 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority

visiting the MVA website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce

MVA Chair, Board of Directors

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"This is the most comprehensive building damage data set that exists for any cyclone in the Pacific to date," said SPC Deputy Director-General, Dr. Audrey Aumua.

"It will be used as a regional baseline for future damage assessments and to better predict inundation and wind impact on buildings."

Provincial Administrators are already applying SPC's assessment results to guide their ongoing response to the most affected communities in their districts.

In addition to the value they provide for Fiji, the survey results – progressively available on SPC's Cyclone Winston Spatial Data Resources Portal http://gsd.spc.int/winston/-also have regional applications.

"These field surveys were

critical because we can't perform detailed building damage and wave run-up analysis using aerial photos alone," Dr Aumua said.

"The survey also serves to ground-truth damage assessments our Suva-based staff are doing using satellite imagery," she added.

Inundation extent is a measure of the distance the water reached inland, while wave run-up is a measure of the height of the waterline above normal sea level.

The teams gathered inundation and wave run-up data via systematic measurement of water depth marks on buildings and the location of inland debris, corroborated with eyewitness accounts.

Building and water system characteristics were analysed to determine the cause of damage (wind, wave or both) and to highlight the key features of structures that withstood the storm.

"In the short term, the data will be used to produce hazard maps that will feed directly into the Fiji government-led post-disaster needs assessment," Dr Aumua explained.

"In the long term, we gain a better understanding of the impacts of events like this, including informing how can we build back safer and stronger, and improve future coastal planning to minimise disaster impacts."

The eight SPC experts who conducted the surveys were: Cyprien Bosserelle, Deepika Lal, Joy Papao, and Keleni Ragisia in Ovalau and Herve Damlamian, Zulfikar Begg, Mereoni Ketewai and Arieta Navatoga in Vanua Levu. (PR)

#### Name: Wade Daniel Bacon P.O. Box 500087 CK Saipan, MP 96950

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Adoption of:	)	FCD-AD-CIVI ACTION
Mariana Rose	)	NO. 16-0073
Mariana Nose	,	
Shan Bacon	)	NOTICE OF
Minor Child	)	HEARING
	)	
By:	)	
<b>,</b>	)	
Wade D. Bacon &	)	
Huaping Shan	)	
Petitioners	)	

Notice is hereby given that the

above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on April 18, 2016 at 1:30p.m. in Courtroom

205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2016.

Clerk of Court /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

### Legislative Bureau

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

#### **JOB VACANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Position: Director, Legislative Bureau

Pay Level - UNGRADED: \$

Opening Date: April 01, 2016 Closing Date: April 07, 2016

Capitol Hill, Saipan

Islands, the Director is appointed by the joint leadership of the legislature consisting of the presiding officers, vice presiding officers, floor leaders, and the chairpersons of the standing committees. The director may be removed by a majority of the

#### PRIMARY DUTIES:

members of the legislature. The director shall be responsible for all required services to the legislature in connection with the sessions and committee meetings, ensure maintenance of all records, files, library and other documents of the legislature, and

#### QUALIFICATIONS and SALARY RANGE:

#### APPLICATION:

employment application to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of the President of the Senate located a the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas

/s/ Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker House of Representative

Senate

Examination Announcement Number: LB-JVA-16-002

Location: Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building (CNMI Legislature).

Pursuant to Article 11 Section 17 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana

The director shall employ all necessary staff, other than personal staff of the shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Legislative Bureau

Qualifications and compensation of the director is determined by the joint appoint-

Interested applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest, resume and

/s/ Francisco M. Borja, President

This project is made possible through a grant awarded by the US Department of Energy-State Energy Program (SEP). (PR)

into the event.

### \$300K settlement in 2 survivors' suit over fatal plane crash OK'd

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The federal court has approved a \$300,000 settlement deal on behalf of a minor, who was among two of four survivors of a fatal plane crash on Tinian in 2013.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy found the settlement fair and reasonable for the minor considering the facts of the case, and the child's claims, and the typical requires that the court conrecovery in similar cases.

Kennedy said finding that there is no Commonwealth law regarding the approval of a settlement agreement for a minor child, she reviewed the settlement pursuant only to the standards set forth in a Ninth Circuit case.

The magistrate judge said when determining the settlement is in the best interests of the child, the Ninth Circuit

sider whether the settlement is fair and reasonable in light of the facts of the case, the minor's claims and typical recovery by minor plaintiffs in similar cases.

Lisha Gu and her minor daughter, Yuxin Wu, were among the four survivors in a Piper aircraft that crashed on Tinian in October 2013. Gu's husband and Wu's father, Xuan Wu, was among

the three passengers killed in that crash

Pilot Luis Silva and a Chinese female tourist were the two other fatalities.

Lisha Gu and the child sustained injuries. They are currently residing in Shanghai, China. They sued Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Star Marianas Air Inc., the plane's pilot Silva, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for negligence-wrongful death, negligence, loss of consortium, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Defendants Star Marianas Air and Tinian Transportation Management Solutions,

owners/operators of the plane, have settled the lawsuit for \$300,000.

The parties, through respective counsels Timothy H. Bellas and Colin Thompson, then requested the court to approve the settlement on behalf of the minor.

During the hearing on the motion to approve the settlement, the parties presented the settlement amount for each individual plaintiff, including the minor. They also presented the settlement agreement, which was filed under seal.

The parties agreed that "the settlement amount of \$300,000 less attorney's fees and advanced costs, shall be deposited into a trust account in China, with Yuxin Wu as the named beneficiary and Lisha Gu as trustee."

The parties further agreed that the trust shall be used for the support and education of Yuxin Wu until she turns 18 vears old.

During oral argument, plaintiffs' attorney Thompson provided information regarding the head injuries sustained by the child as well as the fee agreement. Thompson also noted that the costs would be divided among the adult plaintiffs Xuan Wu and Lisha Gu only.

### Saipan Rotaract attends regional conference for 1st time

By JON PEREZ

jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Four members of the Rotaract Club of Saipan for the first time attended the 13th Asia-Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference last month in Kyoto, Japan. The event, where Rotaract members from Asia-Pacific countries interact, was held from March 18 to 21.

The Rotaract, shortened form of Rotary in Action, is Rotary Internationals' youth group for men and women between the ages of 18 and 30.

Rotaract Club of Saipan president Del Eloise Mendiola, vice president Hillary Agulto, secretary Suzanne Jetnil, and Rotaract member Robert Suzuki Jr. attended the

conference

Agulto said they met other Rotaract member from the Asia-Pacific region—particularly Guam, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand in the four-day conference.

"It was an amazing experience, and personally, I was very excited to engage with other Rotaractors and exchange advise on how to carry out various community service projects in our locations," Agulto said.

She added that despite the Rotaract Club being new on Saipan—starting only two years ago—they are ready to do their share in helping the community. The Rotary Club of Saipan helped sponsor

their registration fee in the APRRC.

Agulto said that she's looking forward to next year's conference in Thailand and at the same time is encouraging other youth between the ages of 18 to 30 to join the Rotaract. "Come and experience "Service Above Self" first-handedly."

The APRRC is an annual event where Rotaract members exchange ideas, experiences, and see the culture of other nations. Yogyakarta in Indonesia was last year's host, while the 2017 conference will be held in Thailand with 39 Thai Rotaractors and four Rotarians present in Kyoto to receive the Conference Bell

### Public library adds more to its collection

Bibliophile or bookworms are going to have a field day as a total of 486 books and other items can now be checked out at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The items cater to a wide range of readers and library regulars.

JKPL library assistant and front circulation supervisor Ray Deleon Guerrero Jr. led in cataloging the new items that children, teens, and adults would surely enjoy.

Because A Little Bug Went Ka-Choo an animated storybook by Dr. Seuss, Laura Numeroff's Monster Munchies, Go Dog Go by American screenwriter and children's book author P.D. Eastman, Alive! A Valentino Mystery by detective and Western fiction writer Loren D. Estleman, James D. best's *The* Return: A Steve Dancy Tale, Gunfire Man: A Western Trio by L.L. Foreman, *The Man God Uses* by the father-son tandem of Henry and Tom Blackaby, and Elizabeth Falkner's Cooking Off The Clock for home cooks are just some of the new books in JKPL's collection.

The Count of Monte Cristo, Bedazzled, and Beyond The

gates Of Splendor are the new DVDs in their collection aside from the latest issues of popular magazines.

JKPL said informing the public of what are the new items in the library is part of their literacy program and to encourage people, especially the kids, to enjoy reading more books instead of playing with their gadgets.

They also have their daily book sale. The JKPL is open from 10am to 6pm Tuesdays to Fridays and 9am to 4pm every Saturday. (Jon Perez)



### Commonwealth **Utilities Corporation**



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 16-023

Opening Date: Monday, March 28, 2016 Closing Date: Friday, April 08, 2016

#### **Maintenance Worker**

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### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands





#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

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FROM							
2015/IDIS NO. 647	CDBG	Renovation of the San Roque Fire Station	Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS)	\$87,500.00	(\$87,500.00)	\$0-Cancelled	\$87,500.00
Total Reprogrammed from Activities					(\$87,500.00)		
TO							
2015/IDIS NO. 643	CDBG	Renovation of the Koblerville Fire Station	Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services	\$87,500.00	\$67,440.00	\$154,940.00	\$87,500.00
2015/IDIS No. 648	CDBG	Renovation of the Rota Fire Station (Rota)	Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services	\$25,000.00	\$20,060.00	\$45,060.00	\$25,000.00
Total Reprogrammed to Activities	CDBG				\$87,500.00		

Our agency through its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) requires our agency to publish a "Public Notice" on reprogramming funds over \$50,001.00. Therefore, comments made by the general public should be submitted to NMHC Central office located in Garapan, Saipan on or before May 06, 2016, no later than 4:30 p.m. You may also contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670)234-6866.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios Corporate Director

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

## Li'l Hands acquits itself well in TBMF debut

Li'l Hands Music School made its debut in the 12th Tumon Bay Music Festival last month and its teacher Joyce Dimaun said she and her students will forever relish the experience.

"Participating for the very first time in Tumon Bay Music Festival was really an unforgettable and a wonderful experience for these kids who have incredible talents in playing piano and singing" she said.

The music school was rewarded with its students doing fairly well in Li'l Hands' first-ever foray into the Tumon Bay Music Festival.

At first it was a very hard decision since the budget was very tight for the last part of 2015, according to Dimaun.

She said the music school closed down for about one and a half months due to Super Typhoon Soudelor.

"Family needs to prioritize how to recover from the devastating storm and nobody projected that the school would push through in participating on the event," she said.

The school fortunately made its decision to join last January of this year 2016. The parents supported the decision



Keaton

and the students willingly participated despite only having two months of intensive practices, learning, and mastering their classical pieces.

Allexa Murielle Go from Grace Christian Academy got bronze and said she got very nervous since it was her first time to join the event. Go was the very first performer at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Susan Keaton, mom of one of the pianists who watched

the event, said "They are all equally good."

Santiago

Go mastered the "Reverie" in the period of two months but had exerted all her time and effort learning the hard classical piece by Debussy. The tempo, dynamics and clarity of every notes should be in that piece. She also played an *Opus 69 No. 2* (posth) by F. Chopin and one classic music *Ballad pour Adeline*. Go wanted to thank her mother who has been her

source of inspiration and encouragement. According to her mom, seeing her daughter perform is already a big and priceless achievement for her.

Jack Keaton, a 6th grader from GCA, played a piece by F. Chopin and 2 Sonatinas (3 movements) by Reinecke and F. Spindler. Keaton got a silver award despite his other commitments, being one of the contestants in Spelling Bee also held in Guam that

day. He divided his time in mastering every word for the Spelling Bee and mastering every note in all his piano pieces. It's a tough work for him and he nailed it.

Izea Joseign Dimaun, a 4th grader from Oleai Elementary School, is a shy girl who is not really a fan of performing in a crowd. Despite that she bagged a silver award. She learned her piano pieces Theme from Hungarian Rhapsody by Franz Lizst and Little Serenade by J. Haydn for one and a half months. Thanks to Tita Jhie and sister Iver for convincing her to join the festival. She added A Whole New World from Alladin for her finale. "Izea would finish her chores and sit at the piano every night to practice her piece" according to her mom

Donato Santiago Jr., a 5th grader from San Vicente Elem School, sang a broadway theme song from Les Miserable—*On My Own* and an inspirational Christian song *The Power of Your Love*. Santiago went home with silver award.

This boy was hesitant to join at first because he is scared of riding an airplane. But at the end he enjoyed going to Guam and participating in the festival. "That was the best day of my life" he quoted. Thanks for all his mom's sacrifices and hard work.

Li'l Hands would like to thank all their students and parents who took part and support the valentines fundraising which helped ease up some of the expenses while staying in Guam. It's a small amount but a big help. Li'l Hands would like to congratulate Go, Keaton, Dimaun, and Santiago as well as their parents for a job well done.

It was really an experience of a lifetime performing in front of an internationally well known pianist like Roman Rudnytsky as well as other music masters, according to Joyce Dimaun.

Li'l Hands will be holding its 10th Annual Musical Recital on May 2016. This recital is a tribute to all the moms out there. It has been the tradition of the music school recital to honor the mom, dad, and their family every year for making their child appreciate the love of music. Last year's Recital Theme was "A Fathers Love" and this year will be "A Mothers Love—infinity and beyond." (*PR*)

### 3 rescued after drifting for two days in the Pacific

#### SANTA RITA, Guam-

Three men aboard a missing 19-foot center console were located by a merchant vessel, after departing Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) two days earlier.

At 9pm, on March 29, 2016, watch standers at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's Rescue Sub-Center (RSC) received a report from a gentleman re-

siding on Guam of a missing 19-foot center console with three adult males aboard. The vessel reportedly departed on a voyage from Chuuk to Puluwat, FSM during the early morning of March 28th. RSC Guam reached out to local and state authorities within FSM and the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei to coordinate and support search efforts for the

missing men and their vessel. RSC Guam also contacted U.S. Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) in Hawaii to coordinate the launch of available aircraft to aid in the search for the missing vessel. Watch standers from RSC Guam used the Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) Optimal Planning System, a computer-

based SAR planning tool, to develop search patterns for the responding vessels. Radio and satellite broadcasts were also made advising mariners of the distress.

Multiple resources from FSM and the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue (AMVER) system were contacted to conduct searches for the missing vessel. Search

resources included: the 770-foot Liberia-flagged bulk carrier *SOMA MARU*, 770-foot Panama-flagged bulk carrier *SHORYU*, and a twin-engine charter aircraft from Caroline Air, based in Chuuk, FSM.

On the evening of March 30, after drifting for more than 40 hours, the missing men and their vessel were located by the AMVER vessel *SHORYU*, approximately 31 nautical miles northeast of Puluwat.

The men were taken aboard the *SHORYU* and received food and water. *SHORYU* took the men and their vessel within six nautical miles of Puluwat. The three men disembarked the merchant vessel and continued to the Puluwat under the escort of a local rescue vessel. All men arrived safely with no reports of injury. Approximately 300 square nautical miles were covered during the search. *(PR)* 



#### **April 5, 2000**

#### \$25,000 fine for illegal dumping of used motor oil

The Division of Environmental Quality yesterday warned anew the public against illegal dumping of used oil on the island after officials discovered 14 drums each containing 55 gallons of used motor oil at several remote locations around Saipan. DEQ Director Ike Cabrera said persons found responsible for the illegal dumping of used oil or any hazardous material may face a maximum fine of \$25,000 a day for each day of the violation. Amid its campaign on proper disposal of used oil, the agency received a call alerting them about the presence of 14 drums of used motor oil that are already leaking in the vicinity of As Perdido and Kagman areas in February. The agency has expressed concern on the potential adverse effects of illegal dumping of used motor oil on the environment, specifically the possible contamination to groundwater and surface water. It may also result to the destruction of vegetation, loss of soil fertility, endanger human health and wildlife.

#### Begin selection of power project builder

Saying he was "pleased" with the signing of the bill reinstating the mothballed 80-megawatt power plant on Saipan, Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes yesterday prodded the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to begin work on selection of a contractor to build the project. He said it's about time that CUC officials buckle

down to work and address the need of the residents for efficient power supply. CUC Board Chair Jesus T. Guerrero, in a statement, thanked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for signing the new law as he stressed that the policy-making body will still have the flexibility in handling procurement of the much delayed project. Due to be completed by this year under the initial schedule, the power plant has come under a storm of protests since 1998 when CUC chose Marubeni-Sithe as contractor of the biggest undertaking ever in the Commonwealth's history.

#### April 5, 2001

#### Marpi landfill to break ground in June

After what seemed like an eternity, the Marpi sanitary landfill will finally begin construction in June and is envisioned to be operational a year later. Speaking before the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting yesterday at Gilligan's in Hyatt, Division of Solid Waste Director John Harder said his office is expected to narrow down the six prospective bidders for the project in a week's time. The company selected will be offered an intent-to-award by DSW, according to Mr. Harder. The lowest submitted bid according to the DSW director, is \$9 million. He said DSW is leaning towards awarding the contract to the \$9-million bid but it is still looking at the firm's credentials whether it can truly follow through on the project.

#### **CNMI** eyes upgrade of communication system

Key government agencies led by the Emergency Management Office are revving up plans to upgrade the Commonwealth's outdated communication response system in efforts to maintain preparedness for emergency disasters, in the national or local scale. EMO Director Gregorio A. Deleon Guerrero said yesterday de-

partment heads are currently exploring for sources of funding to finance the systems upgrade that is envisioned to bob the length of response time, especially in crises situations. Government heads are set to conduct a systems analysis to determine the anticipated cost of the communications upgrade project.

#### April 5, 2005

#### Five new wells to be drilled in Kagman

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be drilling five new wells in Kagman to boost water supply in the homesteads. The move to go ahead with the new well project was finalized during a meeting between CUC deputy executive director Bernard P. Villagomez, his staff and the Water Task Force led by program manager Don Smith at the task force office on Capitol Hill, Monday this week. The water task force and the U.S. Geological Survey have determined where to drill for the wells. The Kagman homesteads are receiving their water from 12 existing wells. Smith said the five new ones will increase water production by an estimated 40 percent.

#### **Govt begins repatriation of displaced workers**

A total of 151 displaced garment workers have left the island following the downsizing and closure of factories early this year. The repatriation costs, according to press secretary Peter A. Callaghan, were taken from the government's deportation account as well as repatriation fund. Other workers were also repatriated directly by their employer. To date, 151 workers have been sent back to China. The first group of 17 people were repatriated on March 17, the second batch left on April 2 via chartered flights to Shanghai, and the latest flight for 44 people took place yesterday morning. There are over 1,000 estimated displaced garment workers on Saipan.

## Triple J to break ground on new housing dev't

will break ground on 40 twobedroom residential units today, April 5. The residential units are just within walking distance of the Northern Mari-

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added in the mosquito coils

are high in concentration and

can be hazardous to health

when inhaled or accidentally

ingested by children. Unreg-

istered mosquito coils may not contain any active ingre-

dient (AI) or may not contain

the correct strength of the AI.

In effect, it will not be able

to kill or repel mosquitos that

can bite its victim, thus may

transmit possible infectious

BECQ's the Division of

Environmental Quality shall

no longer accept these prod-

ucts as legal for importation

into the CNMI effective May

31, 2016. All retailers are

advised to not purchase the

Lion Tiger Mosquito Coils

product listed and shall have

up to June 30, 2016 to sell

existing Lion Tiger Mosqui-

to Coils products currently in

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inventory. (PR)

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pel mosquitos.

Saipan Comfort Homes, LLC anas College in Dandan Vil- ingly limited due to damage

This large-scale, community-based project comes at an opportune time, as housing options on Saipan are increasfrom Typhoon Soudelor and growth on the island.

An independent market survey completed by Hawaiibased Data@Work has illus-

trated that there is a strong demand for affordable housing in the area. In addition, discussions with representatives from Northern Marianas Housing Corp., Northern Mar-

Commerce's Di-**Homes will** vision of Central have 40 two-Statistics also

point to the same

conclusion. Dan Murrell, senior vice president of Triple J Enterprises states, "The Triple J family of companies is pleased bring another quality housing development at affordable prices to Saipan. Typhoon shutters, backup generators, water reservoir, and sports area with

club house complement the

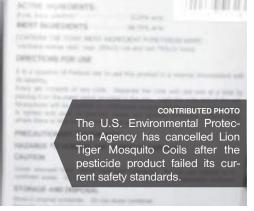
ianas College, Commonwealth large, two-bedroom, two-bath Development Authority, and homes that will be available Department of >>> Saipan Comfort for lease in less than a year."

Every unit fully comes equipped with bedroom units refrigerator,

> stove, reverse osmosis system, air-conditioner, and ceiling fans. Saipan Comfort Homes is conveniently located near a large workforce environment, churches, a high school, shopping centers, and a medical clinic. For more information, contact Triple J Enterprises at 234-1795. (PR)

### Lion Tiger Mosquito Coils now banned







#### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clauseor LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to an increase in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 20.56%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has increased from \$0.09359 per kWh to \$0.11283 per kWh effective April 1, 2016.

#### **BASE RATES** RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL **GOVERNMENT** <u>MP</u>\* \$ 1 Monthly Customer Charge 7.00 10.00 \$ 10.00 2 Base Rates Per kWh: 350 0.0210 0.1130 0.1240 \$ 0.1070 1 to 0.1070 2) 351 to 1,200 0.0970 0.1240 \$ 3) 1,201 and over 0.1580 0.1130 0.1240 0.1070 3 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) (0.0230)Per kWh — all usage

#### FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC) **GOVERNMENT RESIDENTIAL** COMMERCIAL Current FAC (Effective 04/01/16) 0.11283 0.11283 \$ 0.11283 \$ 0.11283 Previous FAC (02/01/16 - 03/31/16) 0.09359 0.09359 \$ 0.09359 0.09359 \$

### meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Yong Professional will hold its monthly general membership meeting tomorrow, April 6, at Pacific Islands Club's Charley's.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with the meeting starting promptly at noon. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 for Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and \$30 for non-members.

This month's speakers include Maisie Tenorio from the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. She will speak about sexual assault awareness and child abuse and neglect awareness as it affects the business community

Geralyn Dela Cruz and Rita Chong, from the Corporate Social Responsibility Department of Best Sunshine International, Ltd., will also to chat about community development through their Village Pride Project. (PR)

#### PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF

Availability: Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.

The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the Fuel **Energy Charge:** 

Adjustment Charge.

Fixture Charge:

\*Municipal Pumping

	<u>FIXTURE TYPE</u>	<u>WATTS</u>	KWH/MONTH	RE CHARGE R MONTH
1	Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67
2	Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33
3	LED	140	57	\$ 10.83

ELF	ECTRIC NON-RATE FEES		
1	Late Charge (monthly)	19	% of Past Due
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$	40.00
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)	\$	1.50
4	Unauthorized Connection	\$	550.00
5	Reconnection at the Pole	\$	200.00
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$	210.00
7	Disconnection Notice	\$	15.00
8	Meter Change Out	\$	95.00
9	New Service - Single Phase	\$	135.00
10	Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$	90.00
11	Meter Test - Single Phase	\$	75.00
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13	Disconnection at the Meter	\$	45.00
14	Reconnection at the Meter	\$	60.00



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#### CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

#### **INVITATION TO BID**

ITB16-GOV-089

San Vicente Basketba∎ Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation San Vicente Village, Saipan, MP

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Victor B. Hocog are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the San Vicente Basketball Court Facility, Saipan Commonwealth of the

The project package will be available Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Governor's Office, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as bluding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Protection in registed through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Tuesday, April 05, 2016 10:00AM ChST at the project site, San Vicente Basketball Court. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Thursday, April 07, 2016 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB16-GOV-089, San Vicente Basketball Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Teusday, April 26, 2016 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and must be received no later than Thursday, May 05, 2016 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply. Lower Base Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday April 26, 2016. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:00 AM ChST Thursday, May 05,

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000,00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the eck: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a executing a contract

Acceptable assets are only

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- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Herman S. Sablan, Director Procurement and Supply, DOF 10 TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## **Opinion**



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#### **EDITORIAL**

# Europe and the 'war-weary' trap: Denial in the age of terror

uropeans stroll every day through a landscape transformed by two World Wars. Cherished cities bombed to rubble and then rebuilt. Massive monuments erected to the sacrifice of millions of lives. Today, the shadow of a new war spreads across Europe, from Madrid to London, to Paris and now Brussels.

But many Europeans (and some of their American cousins) continue to describe themselves with a common phrase: "war weary." They shy away from fully girding against an enemy without a country, an enemy whose soldiers wear no uniforms, whose tactics target innocent civilians.

But war weariness doesn't translate into fewer enemy attacks. Just the opposite: A lowered guard, a disengagement, a denial, invites opportunists' attacks.

Day by day we learn more astonishing details of how Belgian authorities snoozed, even after the Paris massacre. How terrorists and their enablers moved freely from Europe to Syria and back. One phrase — "under their noses" — crops up time and again in the evolving tale of how terrorists exploited Europe's disjointed, dysfunctional security system.

Egregious case in point: Belgian authorities arrested Salah Abdeslam, the logistics mastermind of the Paris attacks in November, four days before the Brussels bombings. But then authorities reportedly questioned him for a paltry two hours after his capture, and not again until after the Brussels attack. Even though they knew his terror cell mates were on the loose.

"We cannot exclude that, if everybody had been perfect, this could have gone differently," Belgian Justice Minister Koen Geens told his Parliament.

No, everybody didn't have to be perfect. But everybody did have to have a sense of urgency, a sense that Belgium, that Europe, was at war with a relentless enemy that doesn't knock off for the weekend.

The war-unweary Vladimir Putin knows this. Recall how the Russian president sent warplanes to bolster Syrian President Bashar Assad. Putin's payoff is an ally still in power and growing stronger. Last weekend, Assad's forces recaptured the ancient city of Palmyra, driving out Islamic State forces with the help of Russian air power. Assad is on the march again; squabbling bands of U.S.-backed rebels kill each other with U.S.-supplied arms; and Europe suffers the brunt of the repercussions: a rising tide of refugees ... hiding an untold number of terrorists ... coming to plot and kill.

European reluctance to spend on security is notorious and long-standing. As of 2015, only five of 28 NATO countries—the U.S., Great Britain, Greece, Estonia and Poland—met the alliance's military spending target, 2 percent of gross domestic product. The U.S. spends 3.6 percent.

There is, though, improvement. Several NATO nations, France and Germany notably, are spending more on defense

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### Trump's bad, but he's no woman-beater

t's no secret I detest Donald Trump. I don't particularly hate the man himself, because it takes too much energy and effort to become enraged at people I don't know personally and will likely never meet when there are more than enough humans in my immediate orbit who fit the bill. He isn't evil, he isn't Hitler, he isn't the Angel of Death.

The thing that repels me about Trump is the arrogance and bellicosity he inspires in his followers. It's hardly unprecedented, given our hardscrabble political history. We lived through Adams-Jefferson, Lincoln-Douglas, Nixon-Kennedy and the violence of the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. But this year has been particularly vicious, distasteful and garbage-strewn given the added narcissism fueled by social media.

It stinks.

That said, not everything bad can be laid at The Donald's Ferragamo-clad feet. Some events have been blown out of proportion precisely because the GOP front-runner has created such a toxic environment that people jump at the opportunity to paint him and his campaign in the worst light (not that he needs any additional help).

And because he's fomented such toxicity, it's poetic justice that, when he really hasn't done anything horrible or criminal, people think he has.

Which brings me to Corey Lewandowski. Trump's campaign director was indicted this week on misdemeanor charges of battery in Florida after he allegedly manhandled a reporter at a Trump press conference. Michelle Fields, formerly with the Breitbart organization, claimed to have been grabbed by the arm and pushed away from the candidate when she tried to ask him a question. Later that day, she tweeted photos of a bruise on her arm.

Initially, Lewandowski denied knowing Fields, much less assaulting her. The Trump campaign called her a liar. Then, video was released (by the Trump campaign) that clearly showed Lewandowski grabbing Fields and pushing her back. She didn't fall but that was only because of her great reflexes, not any chivalry from Trump.

Now, Lewandowski has lawyered up, and Trump is defending his guy. Because, you know, Trump is loyal. He also refused to apologize, which is straight from the bully playbook.

I find all of this to be distasteful. But hang on — you might be surprised where this is going.

Even though I'm disgusted with Trump's brand of politicking, the thing that is beginning to really anger me is the attempt to frame what happened to Fields as violence against women

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instead of a regular, albeit unacceptable, political street brawl.

Almost immediately after Fields tweeted her bruise, commentators started conflating Trump's established misogyny (a full-throated, old fashioned, anti-metrosexual strain) with abuse. Conservative female commentators, not the kind you'd expect to be whiners, came out with a manifesto demanding that Trump fire Lewandowski.

Now, I'm no fan of the macho swagger displayed by Trump, but I also don't like the reflexive "woe is me for being a woman" in evidence whenever a woman is not treated like a Faberge egg.

Let me be very clear: I condemn any use of violence against innocent victims, be they women, children or men. I am also acutely aware of the scourge of domestic violence both in the U.S. and in the world, having experienced it personally as well as in my immigration practice. I defend abused women against deportation. I am close to women who have been abused. I know, intimately, about broken bones and bruises.

But it's wrong to conflate what happened to Fields, something that has happened to me when trying to squeeze on a train at rush hour, with actual abuse. It politicizes a very serious subject, and trivializes it for greater entertainment value when it should be treated gingerly and with respect.

I knew the minute I saw the tweeted bruise and the fact that the alleged victim was a woman that this would last throughout several news cycles. I mean, if making gross attacks on Megyn Kelly's propensity to bleed became a weeklong headline, it was inevitable that a case of actual, physical contact between a male Trump supporter and a woman would be a cause celebre. And while Trump deserves all the criticism in the world for his buffoonery, boorishness and arrogance, it doesn't mean he should be painted as some political Bluebeard. It's lazy opportunism and harms a worthy cause.

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Future of CNMI in the balance

predict the CNMI government will be seeking bankruptcy protection under U.S. Code Title 11 in about seven years. Rule of 72. Mampos man "Codicioso." I do hope I'm wrong, but then again, given our laid-back attitude especially at problem solving, there is that possibility.

We've been a Commonwealth for 40 years, 40 years of struggling to survive amidst the many shortcomings we've been straddled with as well as the many factors we have no control over. We lack natural resources, our land mass is way too small. We could lay Saipan on the San Mateo Bridge, anchorage to anchorage. That's how small Saipan is. Our population tiny, we're physically isolated from the world and main routes of commerce, we import most everything to include the bulk of our workforce and we're bogged down with politics that not only challenge logic and common sense but predate our Covenant with the United States as well as our own Constitution.

In 1976, we chose a representative democracy like the United States. We therefore did not have to invent anything. All we had to do was selectively apply those concepts, which have survived the test of time in the U.S. and work within the confines of our relationship with our political partner. But we were doomed from the start. We gave the U.S. too much. We surrendered our sovereignty, to giving the U.S. rights which essentially allows it to do as it pleases without so much as a "mother may I" or in this case, a "partner, may I?" Why are we always giving away things that are precious to us? Our sovereignty, our Best Sunshine tax, our Best Sunshine-Kan Pacific "could have been" revenue, our million dollars for the swampy "Memorial Park," our submerged land, our surface land, North Field, South Field, immigration, Pagan, etc. Of course, I'm Monday morning quarterbacking now, but these are things to think about for the CNMI-Guam political negotiation, when it happens. Everything is next time for us. Polo ha ennao hasta otro biahe, or ta dekka ha ennao otro biahe.

This has to change. Tell the State Department that we're inviting the U.S. for Round II negotiation, and this time, with a more educated, experienced and knowledgeable team. Demand change. We need this if we are to have even the slightest hope for survival, economically, and, as a people. We're not as young and stupid as we once were. The U.S. needs to stop its subversive abuses of the Northern Mariana Islands and its inhabitants designed and executed under its policy to retain control over Micronesia dating to 1947 as reported in the Solomon Report.

Locally, we need revenue. Just several years ago, our economy was thriving. Now we are poor-financially strapped. Plus, we got insulted by the U.S. over our lobbyist's deeds. We also need to reduce our government's liabilities as well

as its size and cost. Let's address taxing the real estate and our exclusive casino licensee. We need to revisit and change or remove our dumb and impractical Qualifying Certificate program, improve our government's efficiency by relocating to more accessible and convenient, preferably co-locating similar agencies. Cut the countless legal counsels, boards, and familial influences, stop the recycling of politicians we know did virtually nothing other than collect their checks, smile and shake hands at social functions. In short, we need to grow up and fast!

We need to get back control of our immigration, and without condition. The sorry excuse of homeland security has to go, we all know that by taking over our immigration, the U.S. could force its hand on its expansion efforts in the Marianas as well as force us into submission with issues it deems critical for the U.S. And we know that the excuse of homeland security is about as lame as they come. Terrorists from Mindanao, Malaysia, Sulawesi, Timor, etc.? "Illegals"? How? Where? Political asylum? How did a Russian traveled from Moscow to Ada International Airport slip through Homeland Security "border" net? The CNMI cannot be blamed for that slip up by DHS. Guam is the "hub" for the rest of us. And flights to Guam and Japan are thoroughly checked. We have no direct flights to Hawaii, SFO-Oakland, LA, Seattle, Chicago. New York, flying in from the Pacific region. So enough of the abuse, it's time we work together as originally planned and as guaranteed by our own Covenant. It's time for us to engage in practical self-governance. Sure, the U.S. said we made operational errors as immigration neophyte, but not now.

If we re-control immigration, we can avail ourselves of the human resources currently available in the CNMI, including CWs, get them into our workforce so they can pay taxes instead of working underground with shady business ventures formed under the shady cover of ownership by some unscrupulous and money hungry locals. They exist, all over the place. If Homeland Security is too worried about processing and deportation costs to even lift a finger, then please, surrender our immigration control. Perhaps surrender is too strong a word. So, okay, just return the control back to us.

We also need to update and improve our Constitution and Covenant, and bring to light the effects that the terms NMD and Article 12 have on us all. They're both economically devastating. And change our legislature to unicameral and reduce membership. No? Why not? Compare our legislature to Guam's with a population approaching 200,000 and has only 15 senators. Our legislature is bloated, to say the least. Common sense dictates that we do this. How many locals live in the CNMI? And, do away with the Northern Islands May-

or's Office, as well. Do we really need a mayor to manage the uninhabited islands, and from Saipan? We already have DPL. There's no official residents up there, thus public lands. Squatters on public land without paying for the occupancy.

Last, but in this case, certainly not the least, there is a severely critical need to reduce the government's fiscal liabilities which, to date, has surpassed the \$700-million mark. How can we pay off this much debt, especially one which generates interest every year? Take a look at the land compensation issue, 3 percent interest on \$100 million is \$3 million on interest alone! To think that our Legislature squabbled over the \$15 million exclusive (only one casino license for Saipan) franchise fee! And, why is Best Sunshine not being taxed? What about Best Sunshine's deal with Kan Pacific? What's the status of that deal now? The Japanese investors and the Chinese investors sure got rich on our back. You know, we lose on revenue. Say, Best Sunshine makes \$2 billion in one shot, even at 1.00 percent tax, that's a whole lot of government rescue money. Probably more than the franchise fee. Is it going to be like this every time?

So, we know that we have huge problems, not insurmountable problems but ones which have to be solved by those we elected into office. But, they have to do their job. Enough with the prancing around over building- and street-naming accomplishments. Solve the money problems so we can grow a survivable economy. Which reminds me, we are one commonwealth, not a conglomerate of independent islands, or counties. Three casino money, three municipalities. One coffer.

Another thing. Ignorance of problems is not a solution. Therefore, those elected "ignoramous" who practice ignorance as policy need to be voted out of office. We're running out of time but not out of options. Wake up and deal with reality. If you don't, your new reality in a few short years will be many notices of default, foreclosures, bankruptcies, RIPO's—lose the house, the car, disconnections, court defendants, crowded houses, and barracks due to unaffordable apartments, etc., for starters. Just look at CDA, CUC, CCHC, the car dealers, the banks, other moneylenders, the courts schedules, the newspapers. Lots of modern but unaffordable apartments. Lots of minimum wage earners, too. Short on retirement money. And if the CWs leave sans replacements, "MAN MAGPO HIT—drastic reduction in buying customers, employees, and house/room renters. This will not be a game-changer, it will be a life-altering experience. Your choice!

Rudy M. Sablan Garapan

#### **EUROPE**

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and intelligence, The New York Times reports. When Europe truly grasps that it's at war, the number of countries that spend 2 percent of GDP on defense will be closer to 28.

That's also when Europe will break down turf jealousies and intelligence "stovepipes" that isolate intel agencies so perilously that they can't even agree on how to spell terrorists' names, let alone how to detect and apprehend them as they move easily across borders. In the aftermath of 9/11, American intelligence agencies pointed fingers and tried to deflect blame over their egregious failure to cooperate and communicate. A new intelligence czar, the Director of National Intelligence, began to connect the dots.

Many dots need connecting in Europe, too. Yet, "Many Europe-

ans seem to think that good intelligence is created by immaculate conception, rather than through the hard and sometimes intrusive work of surveillance," writes David Ignatius in The Washington Post. "The authorities often don't mind if the United States does the counterterrorist snooping, so long as they don't have to admit it to their publics. Europeans don't like to talk about intelligence, and they often pretend their countries don't spy."

European leaders should learn from America's experience. They have to level with their citizens about what it will take to root out and disrupt terrorists. It can't be done without a serious shift in European attitude about this war.

Nor can Europe prevail via intelligence, military tactics and spending alone. Leaders have to address how to better assimilate Muslim immigrants and refugees into their societies, into the broader European fabric. Otherwise bad actors will thrive with help from friends and families alienated from European society.

The drill after every attack is for government leaders to pledge renewed vigor, for citizenry to demand action in these realms. And then, for most people, life resumes its normal rhythms.

That is a luxury that Europeans can no longer afford. There is no "holiday from history," no lull that lingers forever.

If Europeans decide they're content to absorb and accept occasional terror slaughters rather than combat Islamist extremism, so be it. If, though, citizens want to push back, they'll have to overcome their oft-cited weariness with war. Europeans and the increasingly stifling security restrictions they endure cannot return to so-called normal until this determined enemy is effectively neutralized or defeated.

The same is true on this side of the Atlantic. Americans, too, profess to be weary of war. But many also hold close their war memories of ruined skyscrapers and planes tumbling from the sky.

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#### TRUMP'S

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It's the same thing that's been happening with this ridiculous crusade against date rape and the so-called rape culture on

campuses. To equate a bad date and mixed signals with the real violence of rape leads to cases like that of Rolling Stone and the University of Virginia, and false accusations. It's wrong, it's dangerous, and it dishonors real victims.

That's why I'm angry about this attempt to frame what happened to Fields as abuse. She was pushed, she was pulled, she

was probably, under the law assaulted. But she should not be an example of domestic violence or proof positive that the Trump campaign supports beating up on women.

Trump is a lot of things, but he's not Stanley Kowalski. This just doesn't pass the smell test. And that's saying a lot, for such a foul-smelling campaign.

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#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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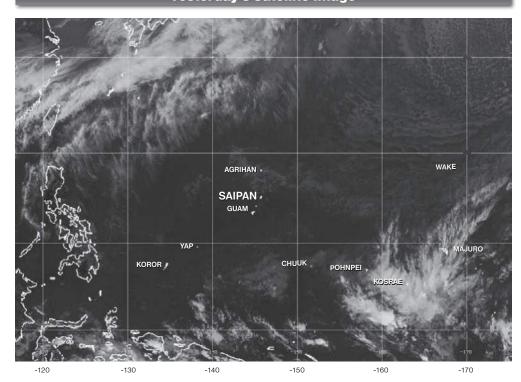
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A cold front stretches southwestward from 22N180 to southeast of Wake Island at 16N170E then curves as a shear line to 14N160E and westward to 17N144E. Scattered showers are along and up to 150 miles northwest of the cold front while cloudiness and patchy showers are along and up to 100 miles north of the shear line. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers southeast of Yap between 8N and 5N from 144E to 149E and east of Chuuk within 60 miles of a line from 8N153E to 8N156E to 6N157E. A large trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in several areas from near Pohnpei across Kosrae state to the southern Marshall Islands mainly between 7N and the equator from 159E to 171E. A trade-wind surge is causing scattered showers near and east of Butaritari and Tarawa atolls south of 5N from 172E to the date line.

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Chuuk	Thunderstorms	<b>▲</b> 87	₩81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	<b>▲</b> 89	₩80
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Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	<u></u> 88	₹59
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New York	Rain	<b>▲</b> 55	₹29
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	<b>▲</b> 65	₩49
Paris	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 60	₩43
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 66	₹46
Rome	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 75	₹55
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## **BOG** donates \$2.5K in ETC to NMTI

Northern Marianas Trades Institute last March 31 received a donation of Educational Tax Credit from Bank of Guam in the amount of \$2,500.

The contribution by Micronesia's largest lending institution is testament to its commitment to the economic well being of our islands, according to NMTI CEO Agnes McPhetres.

McPhetres' comment relates to the current contract worker phase-out situation facing the CNMI. As CW permits become increasingly difficult to obtain, CNMI businesses have been turning to NMTI to respond to their job skill needs, thus the increased demand for additional classrooms.

The trade school received the exciting news of such a donation from Marcie Tomokane, BOG vice president and CNMI regional manager earlier last week.

"As Bank of Guam is a stakeholder, it is in our vested interest in seeing our people succeed. As NMTI trains our future chefs, mechanics, electricians, masons, etc., we must look at their efforts as a move toward job sustain-

### Strong earthquake strikes off Vanuatu; tsunami unlikely

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A strong earthquake hit off of the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu on Sunday, but authorities said any threat of a tsunami had mostly passed, and there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The magnitude-6.9 quake struck 81 kilometers (50 miles) north of the town of Port Olry and 407 kilometers (253 miles) north of Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It had a depth of 35 kilometers (22 miles).

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center initially said that "hazardous tsunami waves are possible" for coasts located within 300 kilometers (186 miles) of the quake's epicenter. But it said around 40 minutes later that the tsunami threat "has now mostly passed."

Vanuatu sits on the Ring of Fire, the arc of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where earthquakes are common. The nation is also prone to volcanoes and cyclones, and has been ranked by the United Nations University as the world's most at-risk nation for natural disasters.

ability. Our organization applauds their efforts and this is a gesture of our commitment to the people of the CNMI," said Tomokane.

NMTI is currently expand-

ing its classrooms to accommodate for the growing interest in the community for such trades as automotive, culinary arts, construction, and hotel and restaurant occupations.

undergoing major renovations since Super Typhoon Soudelour. Regardless of not receiving aid for damage related to the recent storm, NMTI's ren-

The Lower Base facility is ovations have been somewhat a remarkable turnaround considering it lost almost all of its classrooms, according to Vic-



"The funding received from the Bank of Guam will be used for the erection of three much needed additional classrooms. As our enrollment figures continue to climb, so has the demand from businesses, thus the need for a response on our part. We are extremely thankful that there are stakeholders out there like the Bank of Guam that believe in the service we provide our Commonwealth and hope to grow as this community grows." (PR)

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Bank of Guam officials, led by vice president and CNMI regional manager Marcie Tomokane, turn over a symbolic check for \$2,500 in Educational Tax Credits to Northern Marianas Trades Institute, led by Victorino Cepeda, NMTI director of External Relations.

### Empty Vessel thanks local donors, supporters

Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation extends its gratitude and recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations that have contributed and assisted during the challenges faced after Typhoon Soudelor.

The passion shown by these contributors to the Saipan community during the disaster efforts is remembered and favorably appraised. Your generosity has served and humbled many members of the community.

The donations received had assisted more than 5,700 individuals Empty Vessel continues to help those in need.

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Empty Vessel Ministry volunteers, led by director Rose Smith, receive \$500 donation from the Northern Marianas Insurance Association.

## Chargualaf is Guam District Teacher of the Year

Guam—Department of De-Education Activity Guam District Superintendent Dr. Steven Bloom is pleased to announce the selection of Denise Chargualaf as the 2016-2017 Guam District Teacher of the Year.

Chargualaf, who has been teaching for 16 years, 10 years with DoDEA as a Guam High School science teacher, was selected by a Chargualaf holds a panel based on her education history, professional development, leadership skills, and leadership roles assumed during her career as a Do-DEA educator.

Chargualaf has taught the following courses: Chemistry, Advanced Placement Chemistry, Biology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, and Earth and Space Science.

Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Marquette University and a Masters of Education with a specialization in Chargualaf School Administra-

tion and Supervision from the University of Guam.

"Education has always had



a strong presence in my life," said Chargualaf. "My love for teaching started when I was young, helping my mother who was a Special Education teacher." Chargualaf added that she has, "al-

ways had a strong liking for the sciences. I want to make science a meaningful part of

all students' educational program and bridge their classroom experiences with real world applications to foster students' success in the future.'

Her contributions extend far beyond the classroom to the school and military communities. Chargualaf's has a strong belief that giving back to the community helps create a whole sense of self and as a teacher, she models this by being involved in the Guam community and providing opportunities for her students to do the same. This includes working with local charitable organizations, the Armed Services Blood program, and as being an officer of the Guam Army National Guard Medical Detachment.

Chargualaf loves teaching and is committed to advising student groups, which helps to forge lasting relationships with students by being able to guide and mentor them. She is viewed as a problemsolver, innovator and dynamic member of the GHS science department.

Chargualaf is married and has two daughters. She enjoys running, the outdoors, and spending time together with family and friends. (PR)

### Filipino Community of Guam to hold benefit concert TAMUNING, Guam-Of-

ficials from the Filipino Community of Guam announced that an evening concert this Saturday, April 9, will showcase stellar Philippine and local acts with the goal of giving back to higher education. The FCG will be hosting a high-energy production to benefit the UOG Endowment Foundation at the UOG Calvo Fieldhouse. The show, which starts at 8pm, will feature a new set of Philippine celebrities.

Dubbed "the Filipino Community of Guam's Pagkakaisa Concert," the event aims to give Filipino audiences reminders of home while introducing the island to a unique brand of entertainment. "This is the first time that celebrities of this scale have performed on island in a couple of years," said Nita Baldovino, FCG president. "It will be a great show and we want everyone to come together to enjoy it!"

Last month, it was announced that entertainers Enchong Dee, Karylle, and K Brosas would perform at the show. Due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, however, the stars are no longer able to perform on island. The FCG has since pulled together a new lineup of celebrities: Gerald Anderson and Ai-Ai delas Alas

Anderson is a Filipino-American film and television actor, brand ambassador and TV producer. He was hailed as the "Prince of Philippine Movies and Television" twice and "Most Popular Lovet Tam" thrice with former onscreen partner, Kim Chiu, at the Guillermo Mendoza Box Office Awards. After proving his skills and talent in acting through his performance in his teleseryes, he is now being dubbed as the "Action Drama Prince" in Philippine Television.

He is best known for his lead roles in TV series such as Sana Maulit Muli (2007), My Girl (2008), action dramas, Tayong Dalawa (2009) in which he plays a soldier, and an NBI Agent in Kung Tayo'y Magkakalayo (2010), in the



TV adaptation of the iconic comics character "Fredo" in Mars Ravelo's Dyesebel (2014), the Fantasy drama, Nathaniel (2015) and in the Cannes Film Festival Director's Fortnight entry On The Job (2013).

Anderson won his first ever Best Actor trophy courtesy of the 24th PMPC Star Awards for Television for an episode of Maalaala Mo Kaya wherein he played a person stricken with Tourette Syndrome. As of December 2015, he has been nominated for 21 acting nominations, he won 10 Best Actor awards and one Supporting actor award.

delas Alas is an actress of film and television, dubbed as the "Philippine Queen of Comedy" and "Comedy Concert Queen." Delas Alas first gained nationwide recognition for her movie Ang

Tanging Ina, which became a blockbuster hit. Due to the movie's popularity, it received a TV series spin-off with Alas again taking the lead role. The movie eventually spawned two sequels: Ang Tanging Ina N'yong Lahat and Ang Tanging Ina Mo (Last na 'To!).

It was followed by more comedy films like Volta where she played a superhero, which spun off into a television series. In the noontime television show MTB: Ang Saya Saya she was one of the lead hosts. She also released her first album with Star Records entitled Ang Tanging Ina Nyo, featuring six novelty tunes.

The benefit concert will start at 8pm, however, doors to the field house will open at 5pm. From 6:30pm to 7:50pm, audience members will be treated to various lo-



cal acts including the Inetnon Gefpå'go Cultural Arts Program, the Talent Box, Fusion Dance Center and more.

General admission tickets are being sold for \$30 and VIP tickets cost \$100. Seating for general admission is on a first-come, first serve basis. VIP ticket holders will be seated at round tables and will be served assorted refreshments and beverages from the Hyatt Regency Guam. The number of VIP tickets available is limited.

Organizers said \$10 raffle tickets for a Honda Accord donated by Triple J Honda will be sold at the concert. The drawing for the vehicle will take place on June 25 at Ypao Beach Park at 5pm. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets may be purchased at Docomo Pacific locations, National Office Sup-

ply, Rambie's Restaurants, Laguna Best Restaurant, John B's Mart in Dededo, and the **UOG** Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.

All FCG Officers may also be contacted for tickets.

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### HHS awards \$1M for Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood **Home Visiting**

WASHINGTON, D.C-Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$1,000,000 to the Government of Guam for the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program. The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program supports pregnant women and families and helps at-risk parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially and emotionally healthy and ready to learn. The funding will be used to support the Guam Department of Public Health and Human Services Project Bisita i Familia, which provides evidencebase home visiting program for at-risk children from birth to 8 years of age and their families and the com-

munity of Guam. "These funds will help Guam Public Health provide services to the families of at-risk children and by funding the Bisita i Familia program. This program provides families with home visiting services tailored to education on children's health, development and safety. I commend Guam Public Health for their work to assist these children and families who are in need of support, and I look forward to these funds benefitting our community." (PR)

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### **Business**

## News group claims huge trove of data on offshore accounts

**BERLIN** (AP)—An inter- outlets on Sunday published national coalition of media what it said was an extensive

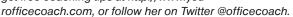
### How to handle workplace birthday parties

#### **YOUR OFFICE COACH**

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: My staff seems to be having a problem with birthday celebrations. These used to be handled by a birthday committee, but that ended a couple of years ago. Since then, there has been no formal recognition of birthdays in the office. However, some people like to surprise their friends by bringing a cake to share.

I was recently advised that employees who never receive a cake are feeling left out, and it was suggested that we stop celebrating birthdays altogether. Personally, I don't see why anyone should feel excluded simply because other people get cake from their friends. After all, these goodies are shared with everyone. What's your opinion?

A: Since you seem to be missing the point, I'm wondering whether you were one of those kids who was chosen first for every team and always asked to prom early. The fact is that these gatherings for cake have become popularity contests in which those with good friends have their special day recognized, while others go unacknowledged.

Admittedly, this is a minor league matter about which some people may not care at all. But as a manager, you have to be concerned about any issue creating division in your group. Fortunately, this one has a simple solution, requiring neither the reinstatement of a time-wasting birthday committee nor the elimination of happy celebrations.

Inform your staff that individual birthday festivities are being replaced with a monthly event honoring everyone born during that month. Help them agree on a celebration strategy—sharing cake, having a group lunch, or anything else you find acceptable. If friends still want to recognize a buddy's actual day, they are free to do so without fanfare.

Just be sure to draft someone with good organizational skills to keep an accurate record of birth dates. If the lack of a cake made people feel left out, being officially ignored could leave them seriously depressed.

Q: In recent years, my manager has become increasingly distant. Because he has been given additional responsibilities, he no longer has time to meet regularly or respond to emails promptly. He is basically unavailable unless there's a crisis.

Previously, I often requested his input to be sure I was on the right track, but now I only get feedback during annual performance reviews. Even though my appraisals are always glowing, the lack of communication makes me uneasy. What can I do about this?

A: Since you're getting outstanding reviews, this disconnect doesn't appear to have affected your results. Unfortunately, however, your manager's leadership style no longer matches your personal preference for supervision. Whereas some people would delight in being left alone, you're now feeling isolated and abandoned.

Given your boss's increased workload, a return to your previous relationship seems unlikely. Therefore, you appear to have a choice. Either find a job with more accessible management or adapt to your increased independence.

If you're missing collaboration, perhaps you can locate one or more mentors with whom to discuss your work. But if it's approval that you're seeking, remember that your busy boss is undoubtedly quite grateful that you require so little attention.

investigation into the offshore financial dealings of the rich and famous, based on a vast trove of documents provided by an anonymous source.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalism, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, said the cache of 11.5 million records detailed the offshore holdings of a dozen current and former world leaders, as well as businessmen, criminals, celebrities

and sports stars.

Associated The Press wasn't immediately able to verify the allegations made in articles that were published by the more than 100 news organizations around the world involved in the investigation.

However, the German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung, which first received the data more than a year ago, said it was confident the material was genuine.

The Munich-based daily was offered the data through an encrypted channel by an anonymous source who requested no monetary compensation and asked only for unspecified security measures, said Bastian Obermayer, a reporter for the paper.

The data concerned internal documents from a Panamabased law firm, Mossack Fonseca. Founded by German-born Juergen Mossack,

the firm has offices across the globe and is among the world's biggest creators of shell companies, the newspaper said. Mossack Fonseca did not immediately respond to an AP request for comment.

ICIJ said the law firm's leaked internal files contain information on 214,488 offshore entities connected to people in more than 200 countries and territories. It said it would release the full list of companies and people linked to them early next month.

Obermayer said that over the course of several months Sueddeutsche Zeitung received about 2.6 terabytes of data-more than would fit on 600 DVDs. The newspaper said the amount of data it obtained is several times larger than a previous cache of offshore data published by WikiLeaks in 2013 that exposed the financial dealings of prominent individuals.

"To our knowledge this is the biggest leak that journalists have ever worked on," Obermayer said.

The newspaper and its partners verified the authenticity of the data by comparing it to public registers, witness testimony and court rulings, he told the AP.



A marquee of the Arango Orillac Building lists the Mossack Fonseca law firm in Panama City, Sunday,

### Airline complaints rise even as more planes arrive on time

DALLAS (AP)—More flights are arriving on time and airlines are losing fewer bags, yet more consumers are complaining about air travel.

Traveler complaints jumped 34 percent last year, to the highest level since 2000. The top frustration is problem flights including cancelations and delays, which is unchanged in 16 years.

"Everything is getting better, but they are still unhappy about the same things," says Dean Headley, a marketing professor at Wichita State and co-author of an annual report on airline quality. He thinks passengers resent the growth in extra fees for things like checked baggage and changing or canceling a reservation, and that makes them quicker to complain when something goes wrong with their trip.

The report by Headley and Brent Bowen, dean of the aviation school at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is being released Monday. The researchers use publicly available information from the U.S. Department of Transportation to rate the airlines for on-time performance, baggage handling, bumping passengers because of oversold flights, and complaints filed with the government.

Among the findings in this year's report:

- ON TIME: The percentage of flights that arrived on time rose to 79.9 percent last year from 76.2 percent in 2014.
- LOST BAGS: The rate of bags being lost, stolen or delayed bags dropped 10 percent in 2015.
- GETTING BUMPED: passengers were bumped off oversold flights;

the rate dropped by 17 percent last year. That doesn't count people who voluntarily gave up their seats for money or a travel voucher.

■ MORE COMPLAINTS: Airline customers filed more than 15,000 complaints with the Transportation Department last year, up from about 11,000 in 2014. Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines, budget carriers that charge lots of fees and had poor ontime records, had the worst complaint rates.

It was the fifth increase in complaints in six years. Still, more than 670 million people flew on U.S. carriers last year, so only a tiny slice bothered to complain to the government. Many more gripe directly to the airline. Frontier CEO Barry Biffle has said that his airline gets about 30 complaints for every one filed with the Transportation Department and it used to be a 90-to-1 ratio.

### Netherlands to hold referendum on EU-Ukraine deal

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Dutch voters are going to the polls on Wednesday but the topic is Ukraine, not their own country.

When Ukrainians rose up against their government in February 2014, the trigger for their anger was then-President Viktor Yanukovych's refusal to sign an agreement fostering closer links between his country and the 28-nation European Union.

After Yanukovych was toppled, his replacement, Petro Poroshenko, signed the Association Agreement with the EU, a broad free trade deal that—supporters say also seeks to tackle corruption and improve human rights in the troubled former Soviet republic.

Now, long-simmering anti-EU sentiment in the Netherlands threatens the deal much of which is already in force. In a non-binding "advisory referendum" on Wednesday, the Dutch can vote for or against Dutch ratification of the deal with Ukraine.

While the Ukraine agreement is nominally the target, the referendum is seen by many as an opportunity to protest the EU's expansion and what they consider its undemocratic decision-making processes.

"We, of course, couldn't

care less about Ukraine," history professor Arjan van Dixhoorn, one of the leaders of the euro-skeptical Citizens' Committee EU that pushed for the referendum, told the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad.

His organization really favors a referendum on whether the Dutch should leave the EU—just like the vote Britain is holding on June 23—but there is no way to force such a referendum under Dutch law. The Netherlands is a founding member of the EU, but support has long been mixed in this country of 17 million, which in 2005 voted against the bloc's proposed constitution.

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### Trump calls on Kasich to quit race: 'He's taking my votes'

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Donald Trump on Sunday called for John Kasich to drop out of the Republican presidential race, arguing that the Ohio governor shouldn't be allowed to continue accumulating delegates if he has no chance of becoming the nominee.

Working to recover his edge after a difficult week, Trump said it wasn't fair for Kasich, who has won only his home state, to continue his campaign. He suggested instead that Kasich, who has pledged to make it to the summer convention, follow the example of Marco Rubio and Jeb Bushcandidates who quit after lagging behind.

"He doesn't have to run and take my votes," he said.

Trump said Kasich could ask to be considered at the GOP convention in Cleveland in July even without competing in the remaining nominating contests. He added that he had relayed his concerns to Republican National Committee officials at a meeting in Washington this past week.

"I said, 'Why is a guy allowed to run?' All he's doing is just he goes from place to place and loses," Trump told reporters at Miss Katie's Diner in Milwaukee, Trump

where he stopped for breakfast. The state holds primaries its presidential Tuesday.

"If I didn't have Kasich," he added at an evening rally, "I automatically win."

Kasich's campaign tried to flip the script, contending that neither Trump nor Texas Sen. Ted Cruz would have enough delegates to win the nomination outright going into the Cleveland

"Since he thinks it's such a good idea, we look forward to Trump dropping out before the convention," said Kasich spokesman Chris Schrimpf.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton told NBC's "Meet the Press" that she had yet to receive a request from the FBI for an interview re-



as secretary of state. And during a series of stops at Brooklyn church services, she got in a dig at her Democratic opponent, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has identified as an independent

garding the private

email system she used

for most of his career. "I know we have to have a Democrat succeed Barack

Obama," Clinton said. Clinton and Sanders announced they'd agreed to a debate in New York before the consequential April 19 primary, though the timing remained unclear. Sanders fired up a crowd in Wausau, Wisconsin, hoping to continue his string of recent campaign victories

Trump's call for Kasich to bow out came as Republican concerns grew about the prospect of convention chaos if Trump fails to lock up his party's nomination—or even if he does.

even as Clinton maintains a

sizable delegate lead.

The Trump effect Margin of error: +/-5.7% Strongly agree 10 10 45 Strongly agree 44 Strongly disagree 115

Behind Cruz in the polls in Wisconsin, Trump faces the prospect that a loss Tuesday will raise further doubts that he can net the needed delegates, making it far easier for his party to oust him in a floor fight at the convention. Cruz, Trump's closest chal-

lenger, has only a small chance to overtake him in the delegate hunt before the convention. He spent his afternoon rallying supporters in Wisconsin in an event heavy with references to the state's beloved Green Bay Packers.

Kasich has acknowledged he cannot catch up in the delegate race, leaving a contested convention his only path to victory. He has faced calls in the past to step aside, but those nudges became less frequent following his decisive victory last month in his home state.

Still, Kasich suggested that a contested convention would not involve the chaos that party leaders fear.

"Kids will spend less time focusing on Bieber and Kardashian and more time focusing on how we elect presi-

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dents," Kasich told ABC. "It will be so cool."

Republicans fear an unseemly internal fight would damage the party in November's general election, and Trump isn't ruling out the possibility of running as an independent if he's not the nominee, making it that much harder for the GOP to retake the White House.

Such talk has "consequences," said GOP Chairman Reince Priebus, though he tried to quell the prospect of a convention fight. He told ABC that the process will be clear and open, with cameras there "at every step of the way."

Frustration with the GOP field has stoked calls in some Republican corners for the party to use a contested convention to pick someone not even on the ballot. Priebus acknowledged that was a remote possibility, but said he believed his party's candidate would be "someone who's running."

### Control of state courts becomes a top political battleground

ATLANTA (AP)—Much attention is being paid to the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy, but equally partisan battles are being waged for control of state courts around the nation.

In states where voters elect Supreme Court judges, millions of dollars are being spent to reshape the courts for years to come. Judicial watchdogs say spending by national groups overwhelmingly favors judges on the right of the political spectrum, and is mostly aimed at maintaining or improving the courts' responses to corporate interests while countering state-level spending by labor unions and other interest groups.

Lawmakers are busy too,

debating proposals to tip the balance of power by expanding or reducing their court's size, or making it easier to impeach judges whose rulings upset the legislative majority.

"State courts are the final word on a host of state law issues that have high stakes for businesses' bottom lines, legislatures' agendas and the rights of individuals," said Alicia Bannon with the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. "Who sits on state courts can have a profound impact on the legal landscape in a state, and special interest groups and politicians are increasingly paying attention."

State supreme court elections have begun to resemble the rough-and-tumble, highdollar campaigns associated with races for governor or Congress. Voters in about two dozen states are casting ballots for state supreme court justices this year. Spending for two Arkansas Supreme Court seats alone topped \$1.6 million, setting a state record for TV ad buys in a judicial election.

The Judicial Crisis Network, which is spending millions campaigning against President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland, and the Republican State Leadership Committee were successful in seeing their candidates elected, including a new chief justice who says he's guided by "prayer, not politics."

The races were so acrimonious that some Arkansas Republicans are considering ending popular elections for the top court, while some Democrats want more transparency by outside spending groups.

Wisconsin voters also have been exposed to months of TV ads over a Supreme Court seat ahead of Tuesday's primary. Most of the ads support Justice Rebecca Bradley, a conservative whom Republican Gov. Scott Walker promoted through the judicial system and onto the state's top court in just three years. Now she's seeking a full, 10-year term.

#### equipment on track; 2 workers die CHESTER, Pa. (AP)—An

**Amtrak train hits** 

Amtrak train struck a piece of heavy equipment just south of Philadelphia on Sunday, causing a derailment that killed two Amtrak workers and sent more than 30 passengers to hospitals, authorities said. Train 89 was heading from New York to Savannah, Georgia, at about 8 a.m. when it hit the equipment that was on the track in Chester, about 15 miles outside Philadelphia, officials said. The impact derailed the lead engine of the train that was carrying more than 300 passengers and seven crew members. Chester Fire Commissioner Travis Thomas said two people were killed. A National Transportation Safety Board official confirmed that one was the operator of the equipment. U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Amtrak board Chairman Anthony Coscia told him the other person killed was a supervisor and both were Amtrak employ-

#### California driver survives cliff crash, gets struck by bus

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Los Angeles County authorities say a driver who managed to get out of his SUV after it nearly went over a cliff was then struck by a passing bus in Malibu. Sheriff's officials

say the man was conscious and breathing when he was rushed to a hospital following the two crashes Saturday. Investigators say the man lost control of his SUV, which slammed into a guardrail and hung precariously over the side of the cliff. Officials say the man was disoriented and when he got out of the vehicle he stepped into lanes of traffic and was struck by a tour bus. KABC-TV reports the crashes are being investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

#### Police: 2 arrested after fight over crab legs turns violent MANCHESTER, Conn.

(AP)—Police say two people were arrested after a dispute over crab legs at a Connecticut restaurant turned violent. WVIT-TV reports police were called to Royal Buffet in Manchester, Connecticut, on Saturday evening after a juvenile was punched in the face Clifford Knight and Latoya Knight were arrested. Clifford Knight is charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct. Latoya Knight is charged with disorderly conduct and threatening. Police say the juvenile's mother deployed pepper spray in selfdefense. She is not facing charges. The restaurant was temporarily closed while health officials assessed the building's air quality following the pepper spray.

### Bypass boosts survival in heart failure, 10-year study says

CHICAGO (AP)—Heart failure patients with clogged arteries have a better chance of surviving 10 years if they get bypass surgery plus medicine rather than just drugs alone, according to an international study.

Earlier results from the same research raised questions about the benefits of bypass versus medicine alone, but researchers say the long-term evidence clearly favors the surgery.

The lead author of the study, Duke University cardiologist Dr. Eric Velazquez, said the results "are so definitive and so robust" that they would likely to lead to stronger recommendations favoring bypass surgery for these patients.

Nearly 6 million Americans and 23 million people worldwide have heart failure, and many of them also have artery disease similar to those studied. In recent years, bypass surgery has increasingly been recommended for such patients, along with medicines to ease heart failure symptoms.

Concerns were raised when results after nearly five years of research showed about equal number of deaths in bypass patients and in those who got only medicine, despite fewer heart-

group. Those findings were published in 2011.

The 10-year results were published online Sunday in the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at an American College of Cardiology meeting in Chicago.

The study involved 1,200 heart failure patients in 22 countries, including the United States. Most were men around age 60 when the study began. All were taking heart medicines, and about half were assigned to also get bypass surgery.

More than half the patients in each group lived beyond

related deaths in the bypass the study's first phase. The 10year results are a look back at all patients studied.

> A total of 359 bypass patients died from any cause, or about 59 percent, compared with 398 medicine-only patients who died, or 66 percent.

Deaths from heart diseaserelated causes totaled 247 in the bypass group, or 41 percent, versus 297 medicine-only patients, or 49 percent.

A journal editorial published with the study says the latest results "solidly support" strengthening treatment guidelines to say that bypass surgery is "probably beneficial" for these patients.

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## Asia

### Vietnam seizes Chinese vessel for intruding its waters

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnam's coast guard in a rare move has seized a Chinese vessel for allegedly intruding in its waters, state media reported Monday.

The Thanh Nien newspaper said that the vessel has been towed to the northern port city of Hai Phong, and that the ship, its captain and two sailors, all Chinese, are under the supervision of Vietnamese authorities.

The vessel, disguised as a fishing boat, was carrying 100,000 liters of diesel oil and was intercepted by Vietnamese coast guard near Bach Long Vi island in the Gulf of Tonkin on Thursday, it said.

The captain told authorities the fuel was to be sold to Chinese fishing boats operating in the area, it said.

Hai Phong coast guard officails declined to comment Monday.

The newspaper said that in the last two weeks of March the coast guard had chased



A man places incense in a holder as about 200 Vietnamese gather in Hanoi, Vietnam Monday, March 14, 2016 to remember 64 Vietnamese soldiers who were killed by the Chinese navy in a clash 28 years ago in the disputed South China Sea.

110 Chinese fishing boats out of Vietnamese waters.

Vietnam's coast guard often warns and chases Chinese fishing boats out of its waters but rarely seizes them.

Vietnamese fishermen complain they are harassed, attacked and have had their catches confiscated by Chinese authorities while they fishing in the South China Sea.

ritorial dispute with China in the South China Sea, which is rich in resources and occupies one of the world busiest sea lanes.

Vietnam, China and Taiwan have competing claims over the Paracel islands which are occupied by China, while the three along with the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei have claimed parts or all of the Spratly islands.

## World

## After Palmyra, Syrian troops take another IS-controlled town

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—A week after taking back the historic town of Palmyra, Syrian troops and their allies on Sunday captured another town controlled by the Islamic State group in central Syria, state media reported.

The push into the town of Qaryatain took place under the cover of Russian airstrikes and dealt another setback to the IS extremists in Syria. An activist group that monitors the Syrian civil war said that government forces are in control of most of the town after IS fighters withdrew to its eastern outskirts.

The advance came a week after Syrian forces recaptured Palmyra from IS and is strategically significant for the government side. The capture of Qaryatain deprives IS of a main base in central Syr-

ia and could be used by government forces in the future to launch attacks on IS-held areas near the Iraqi border.

Qaryatain used to be home to a sizable Christian population and lies midway between Palmyra and the capital, Damascus. Activists said last summer that Qaryatain had a mixed population of around 40,000 Sunni Muslims and Christians, as well as thousands of internally displaced people who had fled from the nearby city of Homs. Many of the Christians fled the town after it came under IS attack.

Dozens of Qaryatain's Christians and other residents have been abducted by the extremists. While the town was under IS control, some were released, others were made to sign pledges to pay a tax imposed on non-Muslims.

While IS extremists blew up and destroyed some of the world's most precious relics at Palmyra's archaeological sites during their 10-month reign there, the ancient Saint Eliane Monastery near Qaryatain was also bulldozed and destroyed shortly after IS took the town in August.

Christians make up about 10 percent of Syria's prewar population of 23 million people.

The Syrian army command said in a statement that troops have "restored security and stability to Qaryatain and farms surrounding it." The statement, read by an army general on state TV, said the oil and gas pipelines in the area will be secured and IS supply routes between eastern desert and the Qalamoun region will be cut.

### Traffic clogged Jakarta to suspend rush hour car-pooling

Vietnam is locked in a ter-

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Lines of people from women holding babies to school age children, with a hand held up to show they're for hire, are a ubiquitous sight on the Indonesian capital's busiest roads during rush hour.

But not this week. Trafficclogged Jakarta plans to suspend its peak-time rule of three people to one car from Tuesday. And the passengers for hire, known as jockeys, who helped drivers cheat the traffic controls, will be out of a job.

By lifting the 3-in-1 rule, city authorities will be testing what happens to congestion. If there's no difference to the number of cars on the road, they'll know that a system in place for more than a decade is broken.

Abandoning the policy will be bad news for the poor in a city where maddening traffic produces numerous novel ways to eke out a living. Apart from jockeys, there are self-appointed U-turn police and parking wardens who are tipped by drivers despite sometimes hindering more than helping.

"I want the authorities to extend the 3-in-1," said Muhammad Asmin, a 27-year-old who dropped out of school to become a jockey more than a decade ago to earn money for his family. "It is good for us, the poor, even if it's not working," said Asmin, who earns up to \$15 a day by hopping in and out of cars.

Jakarta is the world's most congested city, according to a study of how often vehicles brake during a commute. Officials estimate Jakarta's traffic jams cause economic losses of about \$3 billion a year.

The 3-in-1 rule was introduced in 2003 and the jockeys appeared soon after. Since then, the traffic has only gotten worse, mainly because more Indonesians can afford cars, which has overwhelmed a road network that has hardly grown. The car-pooling policy has a particularly bad image since it's widely regarded as ineffective and also involves children, who take huge risks by getting into the vehicles of strangers.

### Iraqi forces take northern edge of IS-held town

HIT, Iraq (AP)—Iraqi forces took the northern edge of the Islamic State-held town of Hit, west of Baghdad, on Sunday in an operation led by the country's elite counterterrorism forces, military officials said.

The operation to recapture Hit was relaunched last week, but the troops' progress has been slowed by hundreds of roadside bombs and efforts to safeguard thousands of civilians trapped inside the town.

"We've never had a delay like this on one of our targets," said Gen. Husham al-Jabri of Iraq's counterterrorism forces. Al-Jabri carefully plotted progress towards Hit on a map in a temporary operations center just south of the city.

The initial push to take Hit was launched last month, but was quickly put on hold when Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi pulled forces back to Baghdad after anti-government protests threatened instability in the Iraqi capital.

After the operation resumed, Iraqi forces had to deal with hundreds of roadside bombs laid by IS fighters along the main roads leading in and out of Hit, forcing convoys to veer off into the sur-

rounding desert terrain. Even there, the forces' advance was repeatedly brought to a standstill by booby-trapped explosives. Progress was further complicated by muddy conditions after days of rainfall.

"The roadside bomb is the only weapon they have left to depend on," said Ayad Ghazi, a sergeant with one of the leading battalions inching toward the town. Just a few hundred meters ahead of him plumes of orange smoke rose from controlled blasts. He said it took his men 12 hours to travel just three miles (five kilometers) on Sunday.

column. Al-Ahram's Editor-

### Debris in Mauritius to be examined by MH370 investigators

SYDNEY (AP)—A piece of debris found on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius will be examined by investigators to see if it came from missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, Australian officials said Sunday.

The discovery comes less than two weeks after officials confirmed that two pieces of debris found along the coast of Mozambique were almost certainly from the aircraft that vanished on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

"The Malaysian Government is working with officials from Mauritius to seek to take custody of the debris and arrange for its examination," Australian Transport Minister Darren Chester said in a statement. "This debris is an item of interest however until the debris has been examined by experts it is not possible to ascertain its origin."

Chester did not release any details on when the piece of debris was found or who found it. He also did not say what the piece looked like or where it would be examined.

The two pieces of debris found in Mozambique were flown to Australia and examined by a team of investigators from Australia, Malaysia and Boeing.

Australia is leading the search for the missing Boeing 777 in a desolate stretch of the Indian Ocean far off the country's west coast, about 6,000 kilometers (3,700 miles) east of Mozambique and around 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) east of Mauritius. Authorities had predicted that any debris from the plane that isn't on the ocean floor would eventually be carried by currents to the east coast of Africa.

Last year, a wing flap from the plane washed ashore on the island of Reunion, not far from Mauritius.

#### **WORLD BRIEFS**

## Deportation of migrants from Greece to Turkey starts Monday

ATHENS, Greece (AP)— An agreement between the European Union and Turkey to deport migrants currently on Greek islands back to the Turkish mainland is to take effect Monday morning, but the operation is threatened by a shortage of personnel. Frontex, the EU's border management agency, is responsible for the implementation of the deal, but has less than one tenth of the 2,300 officers that it needs to do the job. The agency relies on the EU's 28 member states to provide translators and other officials to process asylum seekers, but these have not been forthcoming, even as the continent faces its worst refugee crisis since World

War II. The EU-Turkey deal aims to control the mass influx of people into Europe, many of whom have crossed the dangerous Aegean Sea with the help of smugglers. Under the deal, migrants arriving illegally in Greece will be returned to Turkey if they do not apply for asylum or if they make an asylum claim that is rejected.

## Egypt editor warns of break in ties with Italy over student

CAIRO (AP)—The editor of Egypt's top state newspaper called on authorities on Sunday to seriously deal with the case of an Italian student tortured and killed in Cairo, saying officials who don't realize the gravity of the case are risking a break in Egyptian-Italian relations. In a front-page

in-Chief Mohammed Abdel-Hadi Allam subtly suggested that Guilio Regeni's killing might have the same impact in Egypt as the 2010 beating to death by police of an Egyptian youth in the coastal city of Alexandria. The brutal death of Khaled Said helped ignite a popular 18-day uprising that began on Jan. 25, 2011 and toppled the 29-year regime of autocrat Hosni Mubarak. "The Khaled Said case, despite its circumstances, did not go away like some thought at the time," he warned. "The naive stories about Regeni's death have hurt Egypt at home and abroad and offered some a justification to judge what is going on in the country now to be no different from what went on before the Jan. 25 revolution."

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## Focus

## Foreign fighters are evading Europe's security net

BRUSSELS (AP)—When Ibrahim El Bakraoui blew himself up in the Brussels Airport check-in area, killing and maiming scores of travelers, it was at least the third time he had passed unimpeded through an airport terminal in recent months.

Suspected by Turkey of being a "foreign terrorist fighter" and known at home in Belgium as an ex-con wanted for parole violations, Bakraoui was still allowed to board a commercial airliner unaccompanied last summer, flying freely from Istanbul to the Netherlands and disappearing without a trace.

The ease with which he did so raises questions about how much governments know about the movements of returnees among the 5,000 homegrown jihadis who have trained and fought in places like Syria or Iraq. Many now pose a "serious threat," according to the police agency Europol. Some, like Bakraoui, have already used their deadly skills in cities like Brussels or Paris.

Testimony from government ministers, extracts of documents and conversations with police, border and aviation officials reveal a series of security gaps, misunderstandings and procedural red-tape that surrounded the deportation last July of this future suicide bomber.

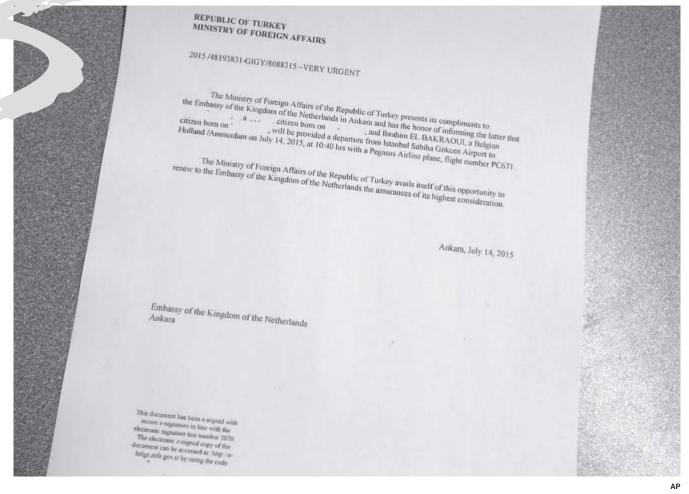
Even those who take some responsibility for missing the threat Bakraoui posed find it hard to understand why his capture raised no alarms. This was a man picked up by Turkish authorities in Gaziantep near Syria, who had done jail time in Belgium for armed robbery, including shooting at police with a Kalashnikov.

"We are talking about someone with a 10-year conviction, who spent a few years in prison, then traveled via Turkey to the Syrian border," Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon said on March 25, as lawmakers probed for security shortfalls three days after the Brussels attacks left 32 people dead.

"You don't have to have worked long on terrorism to conclude from all this that there is a very high probability—90 percent, 99 percent, take your pick—that we are dealing with a foreign fighter," he said.

Bakraoui may be just one case among many. Turkey has deported around 3,250 suspected "foreign terrorist fighters" since 2011—a number that does not include those turned back before making it to Syria, according to its foreign ministry.

Turkey's government says Belgium made no extradition



This copy of a document released to the Associated Press by the Netherlands Government and photographed Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in Brussels, shows the notice given to the Dutch government by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affair, giving notice of the return of two people on an air flight back to Amsterdam on July 14, 2015. When Ibrahim El Bakraoui blew himself up in the Brussels airport check-in area on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, killing and maiming scores of travelers, it was at least the third time he had passed unimpeded through an airport terminal in recent months. Suspected by Turkey of being a "foreign terrorist fighter" and a known ex-con who was wanted for parole violations back home in Belgium, Bakraoui was nonetheless allowed to board a commercial airliner unaccompanied last summer, fly freely from Istanbul to the Netherlands and disappear without a trace.

request for Bakraoui when it learned on June 26 that he was in Turkey, leaving him free to travel anywhere in Europe.

"It was obvious that he was affiliated and involved in the conflict zones, and he was wounded. That is the reason why he was deported. And this is the information that was communicated to Belgium," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told CNN in an interview aired Thursday.

Bakraoui is not the only case to fall through the communications gap. In September 2014, just over a year before Bakraoui's trip to Amsterdam, three French jihadis who said they were defecting from the Islamic State group were able to buy tickets to Marseille, fly together unescorted and walk out of customs as free men, one of their lawyers, Pierre Dunac, said.

According to France's interior ministry, they were detained in Turkey for visa violations—although they were wanted men back home. Before setting out for Syria, two of them were associated with Mohamed Merah, the Islamic extremist who killed seven people in the south of France in 2012.

Amid a government uproar, the three turned themselves in to French police and have been behind bars ever since, facing terrorism charges.

As for Bakraoui, what he did while in Turkey and what he would go on to do in Brussels would remain a mystery to Belgian authorities for quite some time.

He disappeared off their radar last May and only popped back up on June 26, when Turkey notified Belgium that he had been picked up two weeks earlier near the Syrian border. More than two weeks would go by without a Belgian response.

Then, on the morning of July 14, Turkey's foreign ministry sent an advisory to Belgian and Dutch authorities that Bakraoui was booked on a 10:40 a.m. Pegasus Airlines flight in Istanbul, bound for Amsterdam.

The Dutch justice ministry said the deportation warning was sent to a Turkishlanguage electronic drop box that is normally checked twice a day. The message was prioritized as urgent, but the subject line read simply "Itinerary." It gave no reason for Bakraoui's expulsion.

A separate communique was sent to a Belgian police liaison officer in Turkey. When he requested details of the allegations against Bakraoui, he was told to make a written request, which he did the following day. A reply arrived on

July 20, according to Jambon's testimony, almost a week after Bakraoui walked out of Amsterdam's Schiphol airport.

Turkish officials, including Erdogan, maintain they did their job by warning Belgium that Bakraoui could be a "foreign terrorist fighter." The Belgian government says the warning failed to include that crucial detail.

"Turkey only explained to us in January 2016 exactly why this man was stopped," Belgian Justice Minister Koen Geens told lawmakers, though he conceded "we should have guessed, based on the place he had been to."

For their part, the Dutch said the Bakraoui case was not handled according to the usual protocol. There was no direct exchange between police in the two countries, or any indication of terror links in the notification.

In five other cases with Dutch nationals—all but one involving suspected travel to Syria—Turkish authorities followed up the electronic notification by contacting Dutch police. The foreign ministry said Bakraoui's case seemed to be the only slip-up of its kind.

Still, a history of violent crime and a probation violation, as was the case for Bakraoui, would not necessarily raise alarms, the ministry said. Certainly he was not flagged in either the Interpol or European databases.

"It is clear the procedure is vulnerable," the Dutch justice ministry said.

Security officials say sometimes their hands are tied. It's hard to prove whether suspects have even set foot in Syria, where swathes of the country are virtually lawless, let alone establish if they have committed any crimes there.

Without proof, "we can go to the airport and say, 'We have reason to believe you have been to Syria. Would you like to talk about that?' And if he says, 'No, I've been visiting friends in Turkey,' we have to let him go," a European security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue.

Deportation is not just a one-way street. More than 82,000 people were expelled from EU countries in 2012, mostly migrants, and the procedures involved were similar to those followed in Turkey, according to aviation officials.

Indeed what's most surprising is that little of this is out of the ordinary

There are no enforceable international laws governing deportations, only guidelines and standards. Intelligence sharing is virtually non-existent. European Union agencies are reluctant to share information among themselves let alone with an outsider like Turkey, even if it is a candidate to join the 28-nation bloc.

And when no crime has been committed on Turkish soil, let alone a trial held, all must respect the right to the presumption of innocence and confidentiality.

Airlines are not informed of the reasons for any deportation, whether from Turkey or continental Europe. A risk assessment of the danger a passenger might pose is supposed to be made available to carriers 24 hours in advance, but it's unclear whether this happens routinely or in time.

"Authorities can book tickets on an airline and as far as I know most airlines accept expulsions," said Association of European Airlines spokesman Geert Sciot. "Commercial airlines do not get information about the reason or justification of expulsion because that is part of privacy and security."

In Europe, police are tasked with getting a deportee to the aircraft door but they are routinely following orders from immigration officials.

"We just do what we're told," one European police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak publicly about the procedure.

Under the Convention on International Civil Aviation—the non-binding charter for the industry- signatory countries should first aim to take people back to their point of departure. Option B is the person's country of residence or nationality.

This could explain why Bakraoui was returned to Amsterdam rather than Brussels, where his arrival might have been flagged.

At European Union headquarters in Brussels, meanwhile, new measures to tackle the issue of returning foreign fighters are near completion. These include the IDs of returning EU citizens to be cross checked with police databases and a Passenger Name Record system giving authorities access to travelers' personal information.

It's an open question, though, as to how effective they will be when solid information already in the hands of officials now is not put to good use.

"When Turkey gives us the identity of a jihadi, there's no need for any system. We have the information, but we are not doing anything with it," Belgian leftist opposition law-maker Marco Van Hees told government ministers.

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### Overdrive

#### **AUTO REVIEW:**

By BARRY SPYKER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

What's not to like about cruising the highway in a comfortable, stylish sedan, quietly doing 70 mph yet taking forever to burn a single gallon of gas?

That's all in a day's work for the second-generation 2016 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid.

Hyundai did it right this time around, upgrading the wow factor in looks, drive and roominess—all with a 10 percent improvement in the most important hybrid factor of all: mileage.

It's all because Hyundai revamped the hybrid system, gave the car a smaller engine—a 2.0-liter inline four-cylinder—a 38-kilowatt motor and a higher-capacity battery. Air shutters behind the grille and some aerodynamic tweaks in the exterior design have helped the mpg cause, too.

So the new system now squeezes out a combined 42 mpg, a nice boost over the mediocrity—by hybrid standards—of the 38 mpg achievable with the previous generation. The Environmental Protection Agency figures are 40 mpg city, 44 mpg highway, yet I did even better on a highway run and have read some really wellbehaved drivers are getting into the high 40s.

Cruising at interstate speeds can happen on electric power alone for a while, depending on how much energy has been stashed in the lithium ion battery pack during in-town driving. If more power is needed for pass-

# **2016** Hyundai Sonata Hybrid: Efficiency with some wow ergy efficiency. Front seats are bolstered and the gides pricely medded.



ing, the little engine kicks in smoothly and with little whining.

This engine is no slouch; it'll manage 154 horses and 140 pound-feet of torque on its own. Combined with the electric motor, total output is 193 horsepower. A foot down on the pedal will get you to 60 mph in 8.3 seconds, quicker than some but a full second behind Toyota Camry and Honda Accord hybrids.

A smooth-shifting sixspeed transmission, the only

one offered, sends the power to the front wheels.

Aside from the hybrid stuff, this is pretty much a regular Sonata. It's comfortable and has good road manners around town and on twisty roads. And a nicely tuned suspension evens out the ride on rougher roads and

A drive mode selector offers a choice of driving styles. Normal, Sport and Eco modes each will adjust shift points, throttle response

and even steering weight, but the differences aren't dramatic.

Still, the Sonata's ride is not necessarily an engaging one. Others, like the Ford Fusion hybrid, offer more spirit on the road. Still, the 2016 Sonata is a step up from last year.

Inside, it has the redesigned interior that was introduced last year in the standard Sonata. It's more elegant, comfortable and roomy; Hyundai boasts bestin-class total interior volume.

Quality is high-level throughout, as is the feel, panel fit and finish of the dashboard and door surfaces.

The 8-inch touchscreen has been upgraded and has sharper graphics, and it features finger swipe-and-pinch to sweep through the programs. It responds quickly and is relatively easy to use. Also, a new hybrid gauge cluster helps you keep track of all things hybrid, like current mileage and overall en-

percent throttle and maintain

this speed for five minutes.

(You'll obviously need to

drive to a suitable location

to do this; the 55 mph por-

on the sides, nicely padded for comfort on the long rides, and there are plenty of adjustments to fit every shape and size human being. Head and leg room are abundant up front; in the rear, taller folks might find their heads near the ceiling.

Finding places to stash stuff is easy with lots of cubbies, a mobile phone holder, big glove box and center console bin. Trunk space, however, is hampered by the battery pack's presence but, at 13.3 cubic feet, it's still a tad bigger than rivals.

Beyond all the air bags and traction control, Sonata offers a standard rearview camera. On the higher trim levels, the Sonata, which gets five-star crash ratings, includes blindspot monitor, parking sensors, lane departure warning and forward collision warning system.

The Sonata Hybrid comes in two trim levels: SE and Limited. The SE gets 16-inch alloys, automatic lights and fog lights, six-speaker audio with USB inputs and Hyundai's Blue Link telematics and emergency assistance connection.

The Limited gets 17-inch wheels, leather upholstery, more safety electronics, rear AC vents, heated front and rear seats and wood-grain accents. An options package called the Ultimate adds panoramic sunroof, adaptive cruise control, 8-inch touchscreen with navigation, and upgraded 9-speaker Infinity sound system.

Hyundai knows it's a long, tough climb to green-car supremacy. With improved mileage figures, an improved ride and smarter looks, the 2016 Sonata Hybrid has positioned itself as a worthy contender among the pack.

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### under the hood: Sparsely used timing belt doesn't need immediate replacement

By BRAD BERGHOLDT TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: Brad, I have a 2006 Saturn Vue with a Honda V-6 engine and 29.400 miles on it. Now that it's about 10 years old, should I replace its timing belt? Your help would be appreciated.

#### --Jim O.

**A:** This is a tough call, as your sweet 3.5-liter engine features an interference design, which means that if its timing belt should ever fail, all hell will breaks loose between the valves and piston tops. My understanding is that miles stress a timing belt a lot more than years, and a look at the online Saturn owner's manual and the website for Gates (they're the largest original-equipment-manufacturer timing belt supplier) show a replacement recommendation at 100,000 miles rather than a certain number of years. This recommendation may differ from the one in your printed manual. That being said, airborne ozone does take a toll on rubber products over time and exposure to even slight oil leakage would accelerate problems with the robust rubber belt being used. If it were my vehicle, I'd renew the belt, water pump and tensioner at 50,000 miles or 15 years.

Q: I've recently taken my 2002 Nissan Frontier to two smog tests. When the mechanics at one shop tried to start the test, their equipment screens displayed a message that read, "Oxygen sensor not completed." I went to another shop, and they told me to replace the oxygen sensor before the catalytic converter. I said OK, and they did. The problem hasn't gone away, and the mechanic has told me to keep driving the truck and then bring it back for a test. The check-engine light is on when the engine isn't running but goes off once I start the engine. I'm wondering what causes the problem so it can be fixed and the truck can pass the smog test.

--John

A: John, your truck needs to be driven in a specific pattern for its onboard diagnostics system to test the oxygen sensor monitor. It sounds like there are no diagnostic faults occurring other than the system needing to finish up its self-diagnostics. Was the battery recently disconnected or did you have trouble codes cleared? Either of these actions would reset all the component and system monitors to incomplete. Perhaps your typical driving pattern differs a bit from what's needed. The following generic drive cycle should work for many vehicles and will run most, if not all, system monitors. Plan the location and time of the trip (an early weekend morning, perhaps) to allow the maneuvers to be safely completed.

Ensure that the fuel tank is between a quarter and threequarters full. Start the engine cold (overnight is best, below 86 degrees) and warm the engine up using air conditioning and rear defrost until engine coolant temperature is at least 160 degrees. This typically requires about two minutes and 30 seconds. Turn off the air conditioning and defrost, accelerate to 55 mph at 50

tion of the cycle is where the oxygen sensor is checked.) Decelerate without using the brake or depressing the clutch and coast down to 20 mph or less and then stop the vehicle with brakes. Allow the engine to idle for 10 seconds, turn it off, and wait one minute. Restart and accelerate to 55 mph at 50-75 percent throttle and maintain this speed for two minutes. Decelerate without using the brakes down to 20 mph or less and then stop the vehicle. Allow the engine to idle for 10 seconds, turn it off and wait one minute before restarting. Some states allow one stubborn monitor to remain incomplete.

#### NUTS & BOLTS

#### 2016 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid

- Base Price: \$26.000
- As tested (Limited): \$34,600 (includes Ultimate options package, \$4,500)
- Estimated mileage: 42 mph combined

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## Life & Style

## Aldean wins top award, Stapleton cleans house at ACM Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU AP MUSIC WRITER

Jason Aldean beat Luke Bryan and Miranda Lambert for entertainer of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards—a first for the singer after earning nominations for the top prize over the years, while Chris Stapleton cleaned house in other categories.

Aldean also won over Garth Brooks and Eric Church on Sunday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

"I was just starting to think this one wasn't in the cards for me," Aldean said onstage near the end of the three-hour show, which aired on CBS. "This is one of the best nights of my professional career."

Stapleton had an even better night. It was a repeat of the recent Grammy Awards and last year's Country Music Association Awards. Stapleton took home six awards, including album, song, male vocalist and new male vocalist of the year (he won twice for album and song of the year as the artist and songwriter-producer).

Stapleton also shined with an impressive performance of the song, "Fire Away." His special guest this time wasn't Justin Timberlake, but his wife, Morgane, who sang next to her all-star hubby.

The critically-acclaimed singer-songwriter was humbled and shocked as he won the most awards of the night.

"You got to be kidding me. I thought for sure we were going to be girl-crushed on this one," Stapleton said onstage after winning song of the year for "Nobody to Blame" and beating Little Big Town's mega-hit "Girl Crush."

Other top moments from the show included Dolly Parton partnering with Katy Perry for "Coat of Many Colors" and "Jolene."

"Y'all finally got me in a pair of boots," Perry said onstage, sporting a bright pink and yellow country-flavored get-up. Parton wore a 2016 sparkly version of the famous coat she said "represents a very special time in my life" and was part of last year's NBC TV-movie about her childhood, "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors." She won the Tex Ritter Award for films that honor country music.

Eric Church also had a special moment when he paid tribute to rock icons like David Bowie, The Eagles' Glenn Frey, Lemmy Kilmister of Motorhead and former Stone Temple Pilots frontman Scott Weiland. Bryan introduced Church and said the performer was a big fan of vinyl records and was set to pay tribute to "four of his musical heroes." Church performed the track, "Record Year," and intertwined the late performers' songs into his performance.

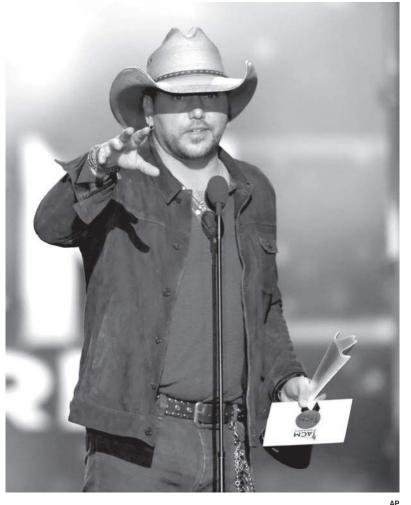
Tim McGraw's performance was also a highlight: As he sang "Humble & Kind," a diverse group of people

joined him onstage, from children to adults of every race. Some even dressed in clothes representing their backgrounds, and others wore clothes representing their occupation.

Other performers include Lambert with ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons and Keith Urban, Sam Hunt, Kenny Chesney, Little Big Town with Trombone Shorty and Kelsea Ballerini, who sang with pop singer Nick Jonas.

Carrie Underwood earned loud applause after singing "Church Bells." She was nominated for female vocalist of the year, but lost to Miranda Lambert, who won the honor for record-setting seventh time.

"I love to see here tonight a bunch of new country girls up here shining and singing their great songs that they wrote themselves," said Lambert, who also won vocal event of the



Jason Aldean accepts the award for entertainer of the year at the 51st annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, April 3, 2016, in Las Vegas.

## Full list of winners at 2016 Academy of Country Music Awards

A full list of winners at the 51st annual Academy of Country Music Awards, held Sunday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas:

- Entertainer of the year: Jason Aldean.
- Male vocalist of the year: Chris Stapleton.
- Female vocalist of the year: Miranda Lambert.
- Vocal duo of the year: Florida Georgia Line.
- Vocal group of the year: Little Big Town.
   Album of the year: Chris Stapleton, "Traveller."
- Single record of the year: Thomas Rhett, "Die a Happy Man."
- Song of the year: Chris Stapleton, "Nobody to Blame."
- New male vocalist of the year: Chris Stapleton.
- New female vocalist of the year: Kelsea Ballerini.
- New vocal duo or group of the year: Nelsea Ballerini.

  New vocal duo or group of the year: Old Dominion.
- Video of the year: Eric Church, "Mr. Misunderstood."
- Vocal event of the year: Miranda Lambert and Little Big Town,
- "Smokin' and Drinkin'."

  (AP)

year for "Smokin' and Drinkin'" with Little Big Town. "I'm really excited for women in country music, and I'm glad to be here as one of them."

Lambert was referring to breakthrough singers like Ballerini, who won new female vocalist of the year, and Cam, who was nominated for six awards and sang her Grammynominated hit, "Burning House," at the ACMs. They represent a small number of women who performed Sunday. In typical fashion of the last few years—at country awards shows and country radio—the night was dominated by the men.

Other winners included Little Big Town, Florida Georgia Line, Church, Old Dominion and Thomas Rhett, who took home single record of the year for "Die a Happy Man."

Blake Shelton, who didn't host this year's ACMs like usual with Bryan, joined his former co-host to open the show with a performance, taking the spot of new co-host Dierks Bentley.

Bentley was waiting backstage to jump into the performance before Shelton took his microphone to perform "Huntin', Fishin' and Lovin' Every Day" with Bryan. "The Voice" coach followed the collaborative performance with his own, of his recent single "Came Here to Forget."

After the performance, the hosts told a string of jokes, including one about country singers in the audience taking credit for the breakthrough career of leading nominee Chris Stapleton, who has written hits for dozens of country stars.

Stapleton's six of seven wins ties him with Brooks and Faith Hill for most wins in a night at the ACMs.

Presenters on Sunday included Kiefer Sutherland, who is working on a country album; British actor Tom Hiddleston, who portrays Hank Williams in biopic, "I Saw the Light"; Miss America Betty Cantrell; and singers Kacey Musgraves, Darius Rucker, Martina McBride and Jake Owen.

### Taylor Swift thanks 'boyfriend Adam' at iHeartRadio Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For the second year in a row, the iHeartRadio Awards became the iHeartTaylorS-wift Awards.

Not only did Swift claim three prizes at Sunday's ceremony, including album of the year, but her bestie and her boyfriend took home trophies too.

Swift won the first and last award of the night—female artist and album of the year. In between, she won best tour honors for her star-studded "1989 World Tour," thanking boyfriend Calvin Harris (real name: Adam Wiles) from the stage.

"For the first time, I had the most amazing person to come home to when the spotlight went out and when the crowds were all gone," Swift said. "So I want to thank my boyfriend Adam for that."

Harris won dance artist of the year. Gomez took the "biggest triple threat" award.

U2 was the night's other big winner. Singer Bono and guitarist The Edge accepted the show's Innovator Award from last year's winner, Pharrell Williams.

"The thing that might be the most innovative about our band is we are a real band," Edge said. "We are still in our high school band."

Song of the year went to Adele for "Hello." She accepted via video from a performance in Birmingham, England. Other winners at the fanvoted show included Fetty Wap (best new artist), Pitbull (Latin artist of the year) and Chris Brown (R&B artist of the year). All three men also performed Sunday.

Brown thanked "everybody who supported me through all the worst times in my life and the positive times in my life."

"I tend to not have a filter sometimes, and I go off on a lot of people," said Brown, who has been dogged by legal troubles since pleading guilty to felony charges in 2009 for beating then-girlfriend Rihanna. "But the music stays the same."

There were as many performances as awards presented during the three-



Taylor Swift, left, hugs Calvin Harris, after she was announced as the winner of the female artist of the year award during the iHeartRadio Music Awards at The Forum on Sunday, April 3, 2016, in Inglewood, Calif.

hour show, broadcast live on TNT and TBS from the Forum in Inglewood, California.

Justin Bieber was the first art-

ist to take the stage. He showed off his new dreadlocks as he performed a mash-up of "Love Yourself" and "Company." He returned to the stage as a winner later in the night, claiming male artist of the year and sharing in the dance song of the year award with Diplo and Skrillex for "Where Are U Now."

Bieber thanked his fans for standing by him through what he described as "tough times."

"It's just about our growth and learning," he said.

Meghan Trainor performed her new single, "No." Demi Lovato sang the heart wrenching "Stone Cold" while Brad Paisley accompanied her on guitar. Iggy Azalea unveiled her new song, "Team." Zayn Malik made his solo awards-show performance debut, performing "Like I Would" from his new album, "Mind of Mine."

Other performers included DNCE, The Weeknd, show host Jason Derulo and Maroon 5, which was named duo or group of the year.

## 'Batman v Superman' falls 68 percent in second weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Word of mouth might be kryptonite for "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," which fell a steep 68 percent in its second weekend in theaters according to comScore estimates Sunday. The superhero pic earned an estimated \$52.4 million over the weekend, easily besting the modest new openers like "God's Not Dead 2" and "Meet the Blacks."

million to market, and has earned an estimated \$261.5 million to date.

It's a critical launching point for a series of interconnected The Zack Snyder movie movies in the DC Comics cost a reported \$250 million Universe from Warner Bros. to produce and around \$150 that will include this year's

### Tupac's stepfather up for parole in killings, Brinks heist

**NEW YORK** (AP)—He made the FBI's most wanted list and was convicted of leading a revolutionary group responsible for a trail of bloodshed, including the slayings of an armed guard and two New York police officers. But after serving half his prison sentence, Mutulu Shakur might soon be a free man.

The 65-year-old, stepfather to the late rapper Tupac Shakur, is eligible for mandatory parole after serving 30 years of the 60-year sentence he was given in 1988 for masterminding a string of deadly armed robberies in New York and Connecticut committed by a militant political group known as "The Family.

His parole hearing is to take place this week at the federal penitentiary in Victorville, California, where he is serving his sentence, according to U.S. Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr.

Although federal parole was abolished in 1987, it is still granted for inmates convicted before then. And under the rules in place at the time of his conviction, parole is mandatory for Shakur unless a commission finds he is likely to reoffend or has frequently violated prison rules.

The possibility that Shakur could walk free has outraged Michael Paige, whose father,



In this Oct. 21, 1981, file photo, police are at the scene of a Brinks armored truck robbery at the Nanuet Mall in Nanuet, N.Y., where multiple Nyack police officers and a Brinks guard were killed earlier during the robbery.

a Brinks security guard, was killed in a \$1.6 million holdup of an armored truck at a mall in suburban Rockland County, New York, on Oct.

He called it "incomprehensible" and "sickening."

"That's the going rate? Thirty years for at least three lives that were taken?" he said. "I was 16 years when he was killed by these animals. Not a day goes by that I don't think about my father."

Less than an hour after Peter Paige was killed during the Brinks heist, two Nyack police officers, Waverly Brown and Sgt. Edward O'Grady, were killed in an ambush after stopping a truck at a roadside checkpoint.

Shakur was added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list after the heist. He remained on the run until he was arrested in Los Angeles

Shakur was also charged with aiding fellow revolutionary Joanne Chesimard's escape from a New Jersey prison, where she was serving a sentence for killing New Jersey state trooper Werner Foerster in 1973.

An admitted accomplice testified at Shakur's trial that armed members of his revolutionary group had visited the prison, captured two guards and then drove Chesimard out in a prison van. He said Shakur was protecting the escape route.

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This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Ben Affleck, left, and Henry Cavill in a scene from, "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice.

"Suicide Squad" and next year's "Wonder Woman" and two "Justice League" movies, which is why its early performance—and hold—are being so intensely scrutinized.

Superhero movies tend to be frontloaded with fans, and a near 60 percent fall is not uncommon for major blockbusters in weekend two.

"Sometimes the bigger they are the harder they fall," said Paul Dergarabedian, comScore's senior media analyst. "This is often what happens when you have films that rank in the top 10 debuts of all time."

Snyder's "Man of Steel," for instance, fell 64.6 percent in its second weekend, and even "The Dark Knight Rises" dropped a hefty 61.4 percent. Things aren't terribly different in the Marvel universe either. Disney's "Avengers: Age of Ultron" tumbled 59.4 percent and Fox's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" plunged 64.2 percent.

Also, the first week "Bat-

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man v Superman" haul included the \$27.7 million from Thursday night preview showings, whereas the second weekend sum does not account for those. The Friday of Easter weekend is also a holiday for many, making a straight comparison not entirely equitable.

Still, 68 percent is on the steeper side for a second week fall. Last year's much derided "Fantastic Four" reboot fell 68.2 percent and the divisive "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" dropped 69 percent in 2009.

In weekend one, many wondered whether the poor reviews would kill the film out of the gates, but it ended up earning \$166 million regardless.

"This has been a poster child in illustrating the disconnect between critics and audience," Dergarabedian said.

The second weekend, however, is where word of mouth starts to come into play, and on the fence audiences must decide whether or not it's worth their time

But, the near future still looks promising for "Batman v Superman," which has the skies to itself for the next week until Disney's "The Jungle Book" opens on April 15. It's still doing major business internationally too, with \$85.1 million in earnings this weekend, bringing its global total to \$687.9 million.

The weekend overall is down significantly from last year, which saw the massive opening of "Furious 7."

Disney's "Zootopia" held on to second place with a robust \$20 million, bringing its domestic total to \$275.9 million. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" took third in its second week with \$11.1 million.

Rounding out the top five were two faith-based films, Pure Flix's "God's Not Dead 2," which opened in fourth with \$8.1 million, and "Miracles From Heaven," which took in \$7.6 million in its third weekend, bringing its total to \$46.8 million. "God's Not Dead 2" did not do as well as the first movie, which opened to \$9.2 million on about half as many screens, but, Dergarabedian notes that it is "still a winner as these films cost very little to make."

Freestyle Releasing's "The Purge" parody, "Meet the Blacks," meanwhile earned only \$4.1 million for an eighth place debut.

Limited release openings like Richard Linklater's college baseball comedy "Everybody Wants Some!!" did well bringing in \$323,000 from 19 theaters, while Don Cheadle's Miles Davis biopic "Miles Ahead" launched in four theaters to \$122,751.

### Co-worker's tempting offer could have disastrous results

EAR ABBY: Last week one of my associates asked me out for drinks. I have been working with him for the same length of time that I have been married. I know he's interested because he has been texting me about unrelated work things and is always flirting.

I am very much in love with my husband, but my co-worker is very tempting. I'm worried about hurting my husband, but at the same time I'm excited about what this new man can offer me. Did I mention that he's the top lawyer of the firm?

TEMPTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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DEAR FEELING USED: If you're feeling used, then you probably are. Your health concerns surely are no mystery to your daughter. Tell her you are glad to look after the grandchildren if you are up to it. But in case you aren't, she should have an alternate ready to step in should the need arise, because it MAY. And don't apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter feels we should be avail-

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married soon and we are getting ready to mail out the invitations. We have three couples who will not be married when the invitations are mailed,

#### DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

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but will be by the wedding. Should we address their invitations using their single names or married names?

CHARLOTTE IN AKRON, OHIO

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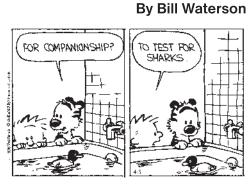
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Set a good example for anyone who may consider you a mentor. Stay on top of matters concerning peers, employers and dealing with institutions. It's best to tie up loose ends before someone asks you to.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for something new that will get your heart pumping and your mind racing. Take on a challenge that encourages you to learn as you go and grow into something you've always wanted to be. A romantic celebration is favored.

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you or putting demands on your time. Do what's most important to you. A change you make to the way you live will lead to a professional opportunity. OOOOO

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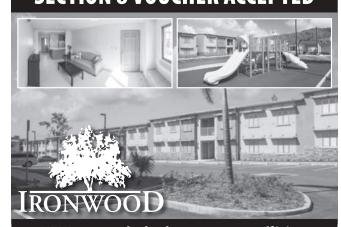
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## Royals nip Mets in opening rematch of World Series



son Volquez would rather sit on the bench than stand on the mound on opening day, especially when it happens to be the first game following a World Series triumph.

"I like to enjoy the show," Volquez explained with a grin. "Enjoy the time."

He had every reason to enjoy Sunday night's festivities anyway.

Given no choice but to start the game by Royals manager Ned Yost, the veteran righthander responded with six scoreless innings. His bullpen held on through three more shaky frames and Kansas City beat the New York Mets 4-3 in the first opening-day rematch of a World Series.

"I did the best I could," said Volquez, who also started the decisive Game 5 at Citi Field last November.

The Mets rallied for three runs off Joakim Soria in the eighth, then put runners on the corners with one out against Wade Davis in the ninth. But the All-Star closer struck out David Wright and Yoenis Cespedes, preserving a nail-biting victory and sending 40,030 fans home in another celebratory mood.

"They're scrappy," Wright said. "We knew that they put the ball in play, they find holes, put together terrific atbats. They get that lead early and you know the bullpen is coming in. That's their M.O. good starting pitching, terrific bullpen and a pesky offense. That's exactly what they did tonight."

Volquez (1-0) allowed two hits and three walks in outdueling Matt Harvey, who also opposed him in Game 5 of the World Series. Harvey (0-1) allowed four runs —three earned—on eight hits and two walks in 5 2-3 innings.

There wound up being little good about opening night for the NL East champs, still in search of their first championship in three decades. They spent nearly an hour before the first pitch reliving last year's World Series defeat through a steady stream of highlights on the crown-shaped big screen, then had to watch the raising of the championship banner over the Royals Hall of Fame in left field at Kauffman Stadium.

"It was just strange, the pregame ceremony. I think I would have enjoyed it more if we played another team," Yost said. "For them to relive that, it's a little awkward."

Things didn't get a whole lot better for the Mets once the game began.

Cespedes, the Gold Glove outfielder whose shoddy



Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Edinson Volquez delivers to a New York Mets batter during the first inning of a baseball game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, April 3, 2016.

fielding hurt the Mets in the Series, dropped an easy fly ball in the first inning that ultimately led to the Royals' opening run.

Kansas City then strung together a couple of singles before Kendrys Morales popped a sacrifice fly to center in the fourth, and Alex Gordon and Omar Infante added two-out RBI singles in the sixth.

Volquez and the Kansas City defense had things well in hand by that point.

The right-hander escaped a jam by getting Travis d'Arnaud to ground out in the

second inning, then watched first baseman Eric Hosmer make a nice diving stop to escape a sticky spot in the third. All-Star catcher Salvador Perez threw out Michael Conforto trying to steal second base to end the fourth.

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Volquez made may have been fashion-related - he wore his spring training hat with a gold crown over the interlocking "KC" to start the game. He swapped it out for the proper one by the second inning.

"Nobody said anything!" misstep he said, grinning again. "Not even in the bullpen."

#### Pirates 4, Cardinals 1

In Pittsburgh, Francisco Liriano tied a Pirates opening day record by striking out 10 and singled home the first run of the 2016 Major League Baseball season for good measure, sending Pittsburgh past the St. Louis Cardinals.

It was 39 degrees when Liriano threw the first pitch of the year. He allowed just three hits and walked five in six shutout innings. His RBI hit in the second came off Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright.

"Just trying to take good atbats and put the ball in play," Liriano said.

A refrain his manager repeated over and over during the offseason after Pittsburgh traded second baseman Neil Walker and cut first baseman Pedro Alvarez, an exodus of power the Pirates knew they couldn't replace. So instead Hurdle got creative, placing catcher turned first basman John Jaso atop the order and bumping Andrew McCutchen from third to second and emphasizing the need to take smart chances to generate offense.

"You need to be able to perform in the box and execute," Hurdle said. "You know there's some at-bats to sacrifice."

David Freese, the 2011 World Series MVP for the Cardinals, had two hits against his former club in his debut with Pittsburgh.

Wainwright gave up three runs in six innings in his first regular season start since tearing his Achilles last April.

"I certainly got better as I went along," Wainwright said. "But I'm still a little off timing or something, there's something that has not clicked yet."

Matt Carpenter hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth off Mark Melancon but Matt Adams, representing the tying run, flied out to end it.

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**Blue Jays 5, Rays 3**In St. Petersburg, Marcus Stroman outpitched Chris Archer in his first opening day start, helping the Toronto Blue Jays begin defense of their first AL East title in 22 years by beating Tampa Bay.

Stroman allowed three runs and six hits over eight-plus innings. Roberto Osuna got three outs for a save.

Archer struck out a Rays opening-day record 12 in five innings.

Troy Tulowitzki hit the first home run of the 2016 MLB season, a two-run shot for Toronto. Edwin Encarnacion had two hits and drove in two runs after not batting in a major league exhibition all spring training because of injuries.

### MLB average salary \$4.4M after 4.4 pct rise

NEW YORK (AP)—Base-ball's average salary rose 4.4 percent to \$4.38 million on opening day, according to a study of contract terms by The Associated Press, and the Los Angeles Dodgers topped spending for the third straight season.

The Chicago Cubs boosted payroll by \$51 million, adding Jason Heyward, John Lackey and Ben Zobrist in an effort to win their first title since 1908.

After beating the Cubs in the NL Championship Series and losing to Kansas City in the World Series, the New York Mets hiked spending by nearly \$38 million.

Houston, coming off its first playoff appearance in a decade, raised payroll by almost \$26 million after starting last season with the lowest in the major leagues, and St. Louis also rose by nearly the same amount.

Among rebuilding teams, Philadelphia cut spending by \$43 million, Milwaukee by \$40 million and Cincinnati by nearly \$27 million. At \$62.6 million, the Brewers are last in the major leagues for the first time since 2004, the last season before Mark Attanasio bought the club.

Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw, at \$33 million, is the highest-paid player for the second straight year. Former teammate Zack Greinke, who left to sign with Arizona, is second at \$31.8 million, followed by Boston pitcher David Price at \$30 million.

The Dodgers began the season at \$233.9 million, down from a record \$270.2 million when 2015 began. The New York Yankees, No. 1 for 15 straight years before the Dodgers' payroll surge, are second at \$225 million followed by Detroit (\$196 million), Boston (\$190 million) and San Francisco (\$173 million).

The average for the 864 players on opening-day rosters, the disabled list and the restricted list was \$4,381,980, and the percentage increase was the lowest since a 4.1 rise in 2012.

But if Atlanta had not released Nick Swisher and Michael Bourn in the last week and if Tampa Bay had kept James Loney, the average would have been up 5.4 percent to nearly \$4.43 million.

Among the major North American leagues, the NBA has the highest average salary at \$6 million this season, according to its players' union, a figure boosted by the league's maximum roster of 13 active players per team.

The NHL Players Association calculated the league average at \$2,803,043 in 2014-15, the last season available, and the NFL Players Association figured the 2015 average at \$2,467,438.

MLB's median salary, the point where an equal number earn above and below, dropped from \$1.65 million to \$1.5 million, the NFL's median was \$940,132 last year.

The total of players making \$1 million or more dropped from 508 to 492, a sign some veteran bench players may have been replaced by lower-priced prospects.

There are 38 players making

\$20 million or more, up from 27 last year, and 125 at \$10 million or higher, an increase of two. Just 40 MLB players are at this year's minimum of \$507,500, a decrease of six.

Average and median salaries decline over the course of the season as veterans are released and replaced by younger players making closer to the minimum, but this year's final average is set to top \$4 million for the first time. The players' association calculated last season's final average at \$3.95 million, about \$110,000 more than Major League Baseball's figure.

The AP's figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed. For some players, parts of deferred money are discounted to reflect current values.

Payroll figures factor in adjustments for cash transactions in trades, signing bonuses that are the responsibility of the club agreeing to the contract, option buyouts and termination pay for released players.

### Warriors rebound from rare home loss to beat Blazers



loss in more than 14 months by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 136-111 on Sunday night to tie the mark for the second-most wins in a season.

Draymond Green added 22 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his 13th triple-double, and Klay Thompson scored 21 for the Warriors, who matched the 1996-97 Chicago Bulls and 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers with 69 wins. Golden State needs to win four of its final five games to break the record of 72 victories set by Chicago in 1995-96.

That chase was dealt a setback Friday when Boston snapped Golden State's record 54-game regular-season home winning streak.

Damian Lillard scored 38 points to lead the Trail Blazers, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

#### Celtics 107, Lakers 100

In Los Angeles, Isaiah Thomas scored 26 points and the Boston Celtics clinched a playoff berth while besting Kobe Bryant for the final time Angeles Lakers.

Jae Crowder added 22 points for the Celtics, who blew an early 17-point lead and survived a tense fourth quarter in their first game since snapping the Golden State Warriors' NBA-record 54-game home winning streak.

#### Clippers 114, Wizards 109

In Los Angeles, Chris Paul had 27 points and 12 rebounds and Blake Griffin scored six points in his return from a three-month absence to help the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Washington Wizards.

Griffin shot 2 of 7 and contributed five rebounds and two assists while playing 24 minutes after missing 45 games because of quadriceps and hand injuries. The team went 30-15 and clinched a playoff spot during his absence.

#### Cavaliers 112, **Hornets 103**

In Cleveland, LeBron James scored 31 points, J.R. Smith matched a season high with 27 and the Cleveland Cavaliers knocked down 16 3-pointers while playing without an injured Kyrie Irving in a win over the Charlotte Hornets.

James added 12 assists and eight rebounds and Kevin



Love added 25 points for the Cavs, who held off a comeback in the fourth quarter to open a 3 1/2-game lead over idle Toronto for the top playoff seed in the Eastern Conference. Smith made six 3-pointers and Love had five.

#### Rockets 118, **Thunder 110**

In Houston, James Harden had 41 points with nine assists to help the Houston Rockets improve their playoff chances with a win over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

With 30 seconds left, Harden stole a pass from Kevin Durant and found Patrick Beverley for a transition dunk to give Houston an eight-point lead and the Rockets held on for an important victory.

Durant had 33 points and eight rebounds for the Thunder, who led by six early in the fourth until Harden hit back-to-back 3s to tie the game at 93.

#### Mavericks 88, **Timberwolves 78**

In Minneapolis, Wesley Matthews hit six 3-pointers and scored 19 points and the Dallas Mavericks topped the Minnesota Timberwolves.

J.J. Barea scored 21 points and the Mavericks (39-38) made 14 of 40 3-pointers to overcome 38.6 percent shooting for their fourth straight victory. They forced 18 turnovers and held their opponent under 100 points for the fourth straight game as they push for one of the final playoff spots in the Western Conference.

#### Pelicans 106, Nets 87

In New York, Tim Frazier had career highs with 19 points and 13 assists, Luke Babbitt added 21 points and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Brooklyn Nets.

Alexis Ajinca added 16 for the Pelicans as the Nets lost their fifth straight game.

Sean Kilpatrick led the Nets with 15 points. Henry Sims and Markel Brown each had 12 for the Nets.

#### **Jazz 101, Suns 86**

In Phoenix, Gordon Hayward led five Utah players in double figures with 22 points, and the Jazz boosted their playoff chances with a win over the Phoenix Suns.

Rodney Hood added 18 points, Derrick Favors had 17, Trey Lyles 13 and Rudy Gobert 12 for the Jazz, who scored 26 points off 22 Suns turnovers and committed only 10 turnovers themselves.

#### **Magic 119**, **Grizzlies 107**

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic scored 25 points off the bench, Portland Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard, right, drives against Golden State Warriors' Anderson Varejao (18) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, April 3, 2016, in Oakland, Calif.

Victor Oladipo and Evan Fournier added 22 points each and the Orlando Magic topped the struggling Memphis Griz-

The Grizzlies, trying to hold onto the fifth seed in the Western Conference, have lost six straight games for their longest skid since November 2009.

Memphis was led by Matt Barnes, who had 24 points.

#### **Bulls 102, Bucks 98**

In Milwaukee, Jimmy Butler scored 25 points on 10-of-11 shooting, Pau Gasol had 16 points and eight rebounds and the Chicago Bulls held off a second-half surge by the Milwaukee Bucks.

Butler had six points and an assist in the final 3:45, when the Bucks had narrowed a 19-point deficit to one at 87-86.

Justin Holiday hit a tough jumper from the corner with 1:15 left and later grabbed a defensive rebound on a missed finger roll by Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo with 43.9 seconds to go.

#### Pacers 92, Knicks 87

In New York, Paul George returned from an injured ankle to make the tiebreaking jumper with 23.6 seconds left, and the Indiana Pacers beat the New York Knicks to tie for seventh place in the Eastern Conference.

The Pacers blew an 18-point lead in the second half against a Knicks team missing its two best scorers, but recovered to join Detroit at 41-36 and stay two games ahead of ninthplace Chicago.

### Herman wins Houston Open to earn spot into the Masters

HUMBLE, Texas (AP)— Jim Herman delivered a masterful performance at just the right time Sunday in the Shell Houston Open. Herman, winless in 105

previous starts on the PGA Tour, chipped in for birdie on the par-3 16th and finished with two solid for a 4-under 68 Shell and a one-shot victory that sends him to the Mas
Open 18-foot birdle putt on the last hole for a 68 to finish ters for the first

time in his career. Herman tapped in for par and thrust both fists in the air after his one-shot victory over Henrik Stenson.

"This is pretty unreal," Herman said, admitting he had to go through Q school seven times before sticking on the Tour.

"I've dreamt of this for long time and I'm going to enjoy it. I'm pretty proud of myself. (It's) the first time I've ever been up there in the final group. To be able to bring it home ... I did really well. It wasn't too long ago that I was pretty low with my game. I couldn't get out of my own way. This never would have been possible two

years ago."

The Houston Open was the final opportunity for players to get into the Masters, and Herman seemed like a long shot at No. 191 in the world whose only professional victory was six years ago at the Moonah Classic in Australia

Stenson missed an 18-foot birdie putt one shot behind.

It was the Swede's eighth runner-up finish since his last victory in Dubai at the end of 2014.

"You can play well and still lose," he said. "I didn't want to put any (extra) pressure on myself. I wasn't given the tournament. I had to play 9 under on the weekend to win it."

Dustin Johnson tried to overcome a double bogey on the 11th hole. He made three birdies coming in, but had to settle for a 69 and was two shots back.

Jordan Spieth made four straight birdies early in his round, but two shots into the water led to double bogeys and a 70. He was seven back in a tie for 13th.

#### Brotherly battle between Jenkins, Britt for national title HOUSTON (AP)—Kris Jen-

kins and Nate Britt, brothers in every way except blood, are giving each other the silent treatment for about 48 hours.

Maybe they will exchange a "good luck" or a fist bump before Jenkins and Villanova (34-5) face Britt and North Carolina (33-6) on Monday night in the NCAA Tournament championship game. Otherwise, "Nah," Jenkins said, "no talking."

It's the biggest competition yet between a couple guys who grew up trying to beat each other in everything. While the Wildcats-Tar Heels matchup might be a no-lose situation for the Britt family, for the players involved there will definitely be only one

"Whoever wins the game, obviously the other one is going to be hurt and going to feel bad," Britt said. "That'll be permanent bragging rights for the rest of our lives."

Jenkins and Britt met as 10-year-olds playing

AAU basketball in the Washington D.C. area. Eventually, Jenkins started playing

for a team coached BAS by Britt's father and spending lots of time at the Britts' home - especially when Jenkins' mother, Felicia, was spending almost all of her time at the hospital with her ailing infant daughter. Kori was 11

When Felicia Jenkins, a

months old when she died.

former college basketball player, got a job coaching at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, she felt it would be best for Kris to stay with the Britts in Maryland permanently. In 2007, the Britts became Jenkins' legal guardians.

"It's been the greatest decision that's ever happened in my life,"

Villanova coach Jay Wright said Britt, not Jenkins, was his priority when he took a recruiting visit to the Britt home.

Jenkins said.

"We liked Kris, but we thought he's overweight and he's not going to do all the stuff we do." Wright said.

But the 6-foot-6 Jenkins,

who weighed as much as 280 pounds back in high school, liked what he heard from Wright. He ended up committing to Villanova, and dropping 40 pounds, and Britt chose North Carolina.

When the Tar Heels and Wildcats played each other in the first round of the 2013 NCAA Tournament, Jenkins and Britt watched the game together, rooting for their future schools - and not talking to each other. They trash texted each other and didn't even sit on the same couch.

"That was fun," Britt said. North Carolina won 78-71.

The Britts have spent the past few weeks bouncing around the country watching their sons play.

## Saipan to host Micronesian Baseball Classic

The Saipan Baseball League Inc. is proud to announce the arrival of the much anticipated baseball tournament of the year—the 2016 Micronesian Baseball Classic (MBC).

A first in the region, the tournament is all set to go with national teams from Kosrae, Palau, Pohnpei, Guam and our very own CNMI national in one of the biggest baseball tournaments this year. Visiting teams are expected to start arriving on June 21.

The inaugural MBC kicks off June 24 at the Francisco M. Palacios Ballfield, with the CNMI national team taking on one of the visiting teams at 6:30pm, following the opening

squad gearing up to compete ceremony. The host team's opponent will be decided by a draw at the technical meeting to be held upon arrival of all teams. Tournament will culminate with a championship matchup on July 1.

> The MBC will adopt a round-robin tournament format with the Top 4 teams advancing to the playoffs. Two



games will be played starting on June 25. The first game starts at 10am, and the second will be contested at 2pm. Makeup games, if necessary,

will be played in the evenings.

The Micronesian Baseball Classic Organizing Committee has started to meet to brainstorm on ideas and ensure the success of this event. The committee has discussed securing major corporate sponsors to assist with the costs associated with the tournament hosting. Further in-

formation about MBC will be released later.

Saipan Baseball League director and MBC tournament director Tony Rogolifoi is seeking for volunteers to assist with the preparation of the field and other logistic responsibilities. Interested parties are asked to contact Rogolifoi at 234-6672 or at 285-3966. (PR)

### Man United beats Everton after Bobby Charlton is honored

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Anthony Martial kept Manchester United a point behind neighbor Manchester City in the quest for Champions League qualification on Sunday, clinching a 1-0 victory over Everton.

United remains fifth but has seven games left to try to break into the top four.

The 20-year-old Martial netted in the 54th minute at Old Trafford on the day United great Bobby Charlton had a stand named after him during a pre-match ceremony.

The 78-year-old Charlton, who remains a United director, was accompanied on the field by wife Norma to see his name unveiled above the South Stand.

Charlton survived the 1958 Munich air disaster which killed eight United teammates during a career that saw him win the English title three times, the European Cup and the 1966 World Cup with England.

Meanwhile, Leicester surged seven points clear at the Premier League summit by reeling off a fourth successive 1-0 victory Sunday, with Wes Morgan's first-half bullet header seeing off Southampton.

By netting his first goal of the season, Morgan is a step closer to becoming the first Leicester captain in the club's 132-year history to lift the English topflight trophy next month.

The defender dragged himself from his sick bed to produce the winner in the 38th minute after returning from international duty with Jamaica



with a cold

"I was quite ill yesterday so I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to play," Morgan said. "But I felt a lot better. Obviously I want to play. It's important we all dig in and do our part."

Exactly a year ago Leicester was in a fight for Premier League survival, stranded seven points from safety before embarking on its astonishing recovery.

Now, after taking full advantage of second-place Tottenham drawing at Liverpool on Saturday, Claudio Ranieri's team has a seven-point lead and only needs 12 points from its final six games to be assured of the title.

There's already a celebratory atmosphere at the modest

central England club. The lateseason recovery that saved the central England team from relegation improbably carried into this campaign with fans already singing, "We're gonna win the league.'

Outside the King Power Stadium before the game, some fans snapped up "champions" scarves from one entrepreneurial Chelsea supporter

cashing in on his team meekly surrendering the title.

Outside the club shop where authorized merchandise is sold, there was free beer and doughnuts on offer from Leicester chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha to mark the Thai retail tycoon's birthday.

"We sung happy birthday to him in the dressing room before the match and I asked the players to give him a good present, three points," Ranieri said.

It's the fans who will be lavishing their owner with gifts if the pre-season 5,000-1 title outsiders become one of the unlikeliest champions in English football history.

Southampton was the Pre-

Manchester United's Jesse Lingard, centre, makes a shot on goal, during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Everton, at Old Trafford, in Manchester, England, Sunday April 3, 2016.

mier League team trying to break up the established order a couple years ago. The south coast club couldn't hold onto its place in the top four though and cashed in on its stars.

But Leicester is lasting the course with a strong work ethic and togetherness encapsulated by the word "fearless" that features pitch-side.

Leicester was camped inside Southampton's half for the opening half-hour but couldn't manage a shot on target.

Leicester had a lucky escape in the 32nd minute too when referee Michael Oliver didn't award a penalty to Southampton.

Sadio Mane broke through and rounded goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel. His resulting shot was blocked by

Danny Simpson's raised right arm but play was allowed to continue.

"It's a penalty and it's a red card," Southampton manager Ronald Koeman said. "I asked (Oliver) to see the clip, but it's not allowed for (referees) to see the clip. Maybe if he stays home with his family he will realize he made a big, big, big mistake."

Like so often this season, Schmeichel rescued Leicester by tipping away Jose Fonte's powerful strike from 25 yards (meters).

Leicester's breakthrough came in the 38th when Morgan rose above Jordy Clasie to meet Christian Fuchs' cross from the left flank, sending a header beyond goalkeeper Fraser Forster.

"I've been getting a lot of stick because I haven't scored all season," Morgan said. "The boys, to keep them quiet, to shush them up is fantastic."

Leicester was nearly gifted another goal on the hour by Southampton. Fonte, attempting to clear Danny Drinkwater's deep ball, inadvertently diverted it toward the top of the net before Forster scooped it away.

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them prepare in intercollegiate tournaments in Japan. Chukyo won the Intercollegiate Swimming Championships in 2011 and 2013 and was runner-up in 2012, 2014, and 2015.

Chukyo, which is private university in Aichi Prefecture with campuses in Nagoya and Toyota, recruited Kensuke two years ago and he became a regular member of the squad last year.

"He is the backstroke swimmer of Chukyo. Kensuke's personal best time now in the 100m backstroke if 58.02 seconds, which is already faster than the CNMI national record (1:02.67)," the Tsunami Saipan coach added.

Incidentally, Kensuke owns the CNMI national mark in the 100m backstroke, which he posted on May 20, 2014 during the 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships held at the West Wave Aquatic Centre in Auckland, New Zealand. The Chukyo member also holds the Commonwealth's national records in the 50m backstroke (28.94 seconds) and 200m backstroke (2:18.04), which he made in the same Oceania tournament two years ago. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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than Santos and Colon Omar registered 18 and 13, respectively. BSI had only seven players available for the match and six suited up, while the Rebels had plenty offensive options with 12 of their standouts showing up for the lopsided game.

The Rebels led right at the get-go and pulled away as the match progressed. Palacios knocked in two triples and added a twopointer for the Rebels' 24-13 advantage.

The lead ballooned to 23 at the break, 54-31, as the rest of Palacios' teammates joined the party, while BSI relied heavily on Estevez and Santos.

With a limited manpower, BSI allowed to many fastbreak plays and easy shots to the Rebels, who obliged by running and gunning. The lanky Lisua cherry-picked in the paint, connecting on both layups and undergoal stabs. He collected 8 points in the third quarter, which ended with Rebels still way ahead, 76-50.

The Rebels then played no let up in the fourth for their 26-point winning margin.

In the second game, CES Electronics pulled off a close 69-68 victory against the Kagman Risers.

Syl Teregeyo and Pete Lizama hit clutch baskets in CES' nail-biter. Lizama scored the team's last 3 points, while Teregeyo drilled two straight shots in the homestretch and had 8 of his 19 markers in the finals canto.

CES and Kagman had a back-and-forth match with the former hanging on to a 51-50 lead at the end of the third as the former nearly overhauled a 30-36 deficit at the beginning

of the second half. Andrew Palino and Jesse Santos then kept Kagman in the game, as they traded baskets with CES, but Lizama and company had the last say in the end, using their experience to escape with the win.

Rebels 100-Lisua 19, Palacios 14, Reyes 14, Deleon Guerrero 12, Ogarto 10, Mettao 10, Teregeyo 8, Pange-

BSI 74 — Esteves 25, Santos 18, Omar 13, Cabrera 8, Olopai 8, Oyola 6.

Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 54-31, 76-40, 100-74.

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In the other Final Four match last Saturday, Choi and Ortega needed three games to knock out the mother and daughter pair of Malou and Nicole Malasarte.

Ortega and Choi prevailed in Game 1, 21-11, with Ortega playing steady in the final half of the opener, drilling 7 straight points before the latter logged the game winner. However, the eventual finalists missed a semis sweep when the Malasartes fought back in the second game with a tough 21-19

win. Nicole did most of the damage in the second game, but it was her mom who posted the last 2 points that lifted them to the close win and kept their finals hopes alive.

In the deciding third game, Ortega and Choi exchanged scores to earn a 21-9 win and book the second finals berth in the division.

Meanwhile, Bartolome and Fernandez rounded out the Top 3 after beating Malou and Nicole in the consolation game. The winners also played an extended game before downing the Malasartes, 21-9, 15-21, 21-16.

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## SSC International Meet Awards Ceremony

#### SAIPAN SWIM CLUB PHOTOS



Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol, center, is flanked by teammate Nanaka Watanabe, left, and Saipan Swim Club's Jinie Thompson during the awards ceremony for girls 9 to 10 division of the 2016 Saipan Swim Club International Invitational Meet last month at Naked Fish.



Boys 11 to 12 champion Lennosuke Suzuki, center, enjoys a light moment with Palau's Jericho Maido and Tsunami Saipan's Nelson Batallones.



From left, Saipan Swim Club's Dino Sato, Tsunami Saipan's Aasish Dangol, and Saipan Swim Club's Wataru Kadokura show their awards in the boys U8 division.



Saipan Swim Club swimmers and their coaches gather for a group photo.



Podium finishers in the girls 13 to 14, from left, runner-up Jinju Thompson of Saipan Swim Club, champion Miku Tammy of Tsunami Saipan, and third placer Kathrine Illahi.



From left, Tsunami Saipan's Aika Watanabe and Sophia Gauran, and Saipan Swim Club's Coume Kaga pose with their medals in the girls 11 to 12 age group.



From left, Palau's Dirngulbai Misech and Osisang Chilton join Tsunami Saipan's Angel De Jesus at the podium.



Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki, center, leads the podium finishers in the boys 9 to 10 age group. Joining him are runner-up Isaiah Aleksenko, left, and third finisher Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero of Tsunami Saipan.



From left, boys 13 to 14 runner-up Noel Keane of Palau, champion Malcolm Shae Gaymann, also of Palau, and third finisher Mark Maestro of Tsunami Saipan are all smiles after getting their awards.



From left, Tsunami Saipan's Takumi Sugie, and Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru and Christian Villacrusis move closer together for a group picture.



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## Youth players win vs veterans

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oung guns Jen Savellano and Janelle Pangilinan clinched the women's doubles A championship in the IT&E Doubles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition 2016 after sweeping veterans Hannah Choi and Alma Ortega in last Sunday's finale at the TSL Sports Complex.

Savellano and Pangilinan were neck-and-neck with their foes in the opening game before escaping with a 22-20 victory in the extended match and then saved enough juice in the second to cruise to a 21-9 win. In the first game, Pangilinan bailed out her team as she scored their last 4 points. She

### Rebels crush BSI, 100-74



The Rebels' Ben Lisua, left, gets away with a fastbreak layup against Best Sunshine International's Jose Oyola during the third quarter of their game in the island-wide men's caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Rebels reached the century mark en route to a 100-74 rout of Best Sunshine International in the

curtain-raiser in the 2016 Island-wide

Men's Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Six Rebels players broke into double figures to demolish BSI. Ben Lisua led the Rebels' attack with his 19 points, while Jason Palacios and Zi Reyes chipped in

14 apiece. Shane Deleon Guerrero added 12, while Juan Ogarto and Frank Mettao contributed 10

Chris Esteves led BSI with his 25 markers, while Jona-

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ended up making 13 of their total markers in Game 1. In the second game, it was Savellano's turn to carry her team, as after Pangilinan had a string of 6 points, the former closed out with their last 5 markers to complete the sweep and finished with 11 points. Choi had 5 markers, including her team's final point.

The eventual champions marched into the finals after eliminating Windy Fernandez and Lanie Bartolome in the first semis game last Friday. Pangilinan and Savellano took Game 1, 21-11, with the former starting things out for their team, making 4 straight points. Pangilinan continued her strong start, tallying 9 of her team's next

10 markers midway in the game before Savellano picked up the cudgels late in the period, logging 4 of their last 5 points. Bartolome registered 8 of their 11 points in a losing effort in the opening game.

In the second and last game, Savellano was unstoppable as her 15 points powered them to a 21-9 rout of Bartolome and Fernandez. Savellano controlled the second game after Pangilinan recorded their team's first 2 points.

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### Kimura joins collegiate team in Saipan swim camp

Tsunami Saipan Kensuke Kimura returned to the island last month to join his collegiate team for a training camp here.

Hiro Kimura, Kensuke's father, said his son and 44 other members of the Chukyo University Swim Team were on Saipan for one week (from March 9 to 15) and trained at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. They held two training sessions every day with the morning workout held from 8am to 11am and the afternoon from 2pm to 5pm.

The visiting team held a special training on island to prepare for the Japan National Championships, which will take place late this month.

"This competition is also mer qualifies, he is selected as a member of Japan National Team. Many swimmers from Chukyo have strong chances of making it to the Olympics," the older Kimura said.



jyun Fijitani when they had the weeklong training camp, which will also help

Chukyo swimmers were with their head coach KouSee KIMURA on Page 26



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an Olympic trial. If a swim- Chukyo University swimmers gesture during a brief break in their training session at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool last month.